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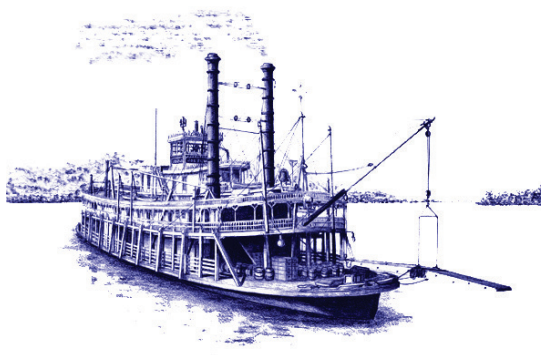

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STATE OF THE CITY

Photos by Bob Demaree

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, with grandson Hudson, talks with Amy Hoskins while meeting with his Mayor's Eagles before they led the Pledge of Allegiance prior to Thursday's State of the City address. Hoskins is the adult leader of the Eagles, which is comprised of fourth grade students from Lydia Middleton Elementary School.

Mayor Courtney details Madison on the Move initiatives

BY BOB DEMAREE

Continuing a "Madison on the Move" theme from the past couple of years, Mayor Bob Courtney presented his third State of City address Thursday evening in a year in which he is seeking reelection to a second term.

Bob Courtney
mayor

"When I first ran for mayor, I promised you a bold approach to improving our community," said Courtney. "With leadership and vision, we created a strategy to bring more investment to our community and we developed a plan that brought new solutions to old problems. Pick an issue such as blight, unsafe buildings, bad sidewalks, speeding, poor roads, outdated infrastructure, lack of housing, outdated policies, flooding, economic development and many others. We have tackled them all head-on. We have done so while generating record investment, maintaining a low property tax rate, generating millions of new grant dollars for our community, and keeping a balanced budget every year."

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney holds grandson, Hudson, while talking to Madison Police Chief John Wallace and local resident Elyse Detmer prior to delivering his State of the City address Thursday at the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott.

Courtney, a Republican, was elected in the 2019 general election but has served as Mayor since Oct. 14, 2019, after being appointed by a Republican party caucus following the unexpected death of Mayor Damon Welch. Courtney will compete in this year's general election against Dan Dattilo, a Democrat currently serving as a council member at-large. Dattilo, a counselor at Southwestern High School, was unable to attend Thursday's State of City address because he is currently in Washington D.C., leading Southwestern eighth grade students on an educational trip of the nation's capital.

Courtney's 50-minute address was preceded by introductions by Mindy McGee, the deputy mayor and chief of staff, and John Wallace, the city's chief of police. The Mayor's Eagles, fourth graders from Lydia Middleton Elementary School

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Girls Inc honors 4 for community contributions

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Following the organization's theme of "She Knows Where She's Going," Girls Inc. of Jefferson County honored four women for their contributions to the community including three who were on hand at Tuesday's 20th annual luncheon.

The women, all Madison natives, include Elizabeth Auxier, Shelly Hamilton, Betsey Vonderheide and the late Mary G. Clashman.

Auxier is the owner and operator of Auxier Marketing. In 2016, she partnered with her husband, Charles Requet III, to create the nonprofit Friends of the Ohio Theatre to acquire the iconic Main Street theater and preserve Madison's cinematic heritage, and has partnered with volunteers and community groups to provide movies, concerts, plays and other events. Auxier was a Girls Inc. member and is a long-time supporter of the organization. She is a three-time Girl of the Year and former director of development.

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Handout

Girls Inc. honorees — pictured with current club members at Tuesday's "She Knows Where She's Going" Luncheon — are (from left) honoree Shelly Hamilton, honoree Betsey Vonderheide, members Hayden Campbell, Lucy Marcelle, Ava Overfield, Olivia Hollihan, Emily Curl and Hannah Copeland, and honoree Elizabeth Auxier.

Council OKs resolution to create Sunrise Crossing Boulevard

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison City Council approved a resolution on Tuesday to accept the right of way that will provide highway access into the Sunrise Crossings shopping and housing development on Madison's hilltop and name that street Sunrise Crossing Boulevard.

The action was taken at a somewhat light city council meeting that also included an ordinance to vacate an alley in downtown Madison and establish a fund to better account for fuel sales at Madison Municipal Airport. Police Chief John Wallace also introduced two new officers for that department who were sworn in by Mayor Bob Courtney.

The resolution related to the Sunrise Crossing development follows through on an agreement the city reached with developers to build an access road into that development and align the new Sunrise Crossings Boulevard with Crestwood Drive and Michigan Road at an intersection on the south side of the property.

The street will serve as access to the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing commercial development scheduled to open later this year and the Residences at Sunrise Crossing to be developed in

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Board receives report on gun hoax at MJHS

BY BOB DEMAREE

The day after an active shooter emergency at Madison Junior High School — an incident that proved to be a hoax but led to the arrest of two juveniles —Madison Consolidated Schools Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown addressed the seriousness of that situation at Wednesday's board of trustees meeting.

"It was a TikTok challenge designed to get kids out of school. It was a prank. Somebody thought it was going to be funny," she told the board. "We don't think it is funny and we won't treat it as a joke. It was very serious to us. Student safety is always our priority and it turned our district and our community upside down yesterday. It was certainly no laughing matter."

Brown said Tuesday's incident is a reminder for parents to talk to their children about what they're seeing and participating in on social media.

"It's a good opportunity to remind your kids at home that stuff that they see, that kids are seeing and think is funny, it's not funny today," Brown said. "Two young men have seen what happens when we respond accordingly, and we will every time."

Brown said she appreciated the support the school received from Madison Police Chief John Wallace,

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Spring Forward

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed.

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OBITUARY

Wanda Keen

Wanda Ann Keen, 67, of Madison, Indiana, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at The Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1956, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Gilbert S. and Emily Ruth Byrd Keen. She was raised in Alabama and Humboldt, Tennessee. She married Jessie Parker in 1975 and they had two children. She worked for Opryland USA in Tennessee as a housekeeper for several years. She later married Mark Davenport in Tennessee and they had a son. She moved to Greensburg, Indiana, in the early 1990s and had resided in Indiana since. She adored her pets and spending time with them and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her daughter, Misty Parker-Perry of Hanover, Indiana; her sons, Steven Parker of Hanover and David Allen Davenport of Tennessee; her sister, Judy Crawford of Hanover; her brother, Jerry Keen of Dupont, Indiana; and two grandsons, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Interment will be in the New Prospect Cemetery in Hanover. Arrangements entrusted to Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made a charity of the donor's choice through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Sunset: 6:45 p.m.
Temperature: High 41, Low 29, Mean 40.0, Deficit 5.2
Precipitation since last published: .03
Precipitation, March 2023: 3.08
Precipitation, 2023: 10.72
Barometer: 29.90, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 430.1, Falling
Forecast: Sunday: Showers High 44/Low 30; Monday: Cloudy High 39/Low 25; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 42/Low 22.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 8-29-39-40-45-46 (3/8). Next Estimated Jackpot: $12.4 million. Next Drawing (3/11).
Daily 3: 6-6-3 SB: 5
Daily 4: 0-9-7-8 SB: 5
Cash Five: 2-13-25-36-40 (3/9)
Cash 4 Life: 12-37-42-48-56 CB: 1 (3/9)

KENTUCKY
Pick 3: 7-0-7
Pick 4: 3-5-3-7
Cash Ball: 15-16-29-34 CB: 15 (3/9)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 3-6-23-27-38 (3/9)
Lucky For Life: 28-39-43-44-47 LB: 18 (3/9)

MEGAMILLIONS
15-22-25-28-69 MB: 21, MP x4 (3/7). Next Jackpot: $203 million. Next Drawing (3/10)

POWERBALL
26-27-43-61-69 PB: 4, PP: 3 (3/8). Next Estimated Jackpot: $45 million. Next Drawing (3/11)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
13-20-29-41-45 PB: 19 (3/8). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (3/11)

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KSP investigating death of inmate

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Kentucky State Police are investigating the death of an inmate at the Carroll County Detention Center in Carrollton, Kentucky, earlier this week.

Troopers from KSP Post 5 in Campbellsburg, Kentuckym responded to the detention center on Tuesday after receiving a call at 7:42 p.m. concerning a male inmate who was unconscious and unresponsive.

The man, identified as Daniel Hoskins, 44, of Carrollton, was transported by Carroll County EMS to Carroll County Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead later that same night at the hospital.

The incident is being investigated by Kentucky State Police and results of an autopsy are pending.

The Kentucky State Police was assisted by the Carroll County EMS and the Carroll County Coroner.

An obituary for Daniel Hoskins is published in this edition

NERWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

March 8

Kevin Troy Cope, 61, Madison, Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony; and Communication-Interference in Reporting a Crime, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Jason Daniel Horton, 43, Madison, Robbery, a Level 5 felony; Theft, a Level 6 felony; and Criminal Mischief, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

March 9

Yesica Evech Martinez, 29, Madison, for Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License and Possession of Paraphernalia, both Class C misdemeanors. No bond.

March 10

Caden James Jankins, 20, not listed, for Domestic Battery and Stangulation, both Level 6 felonies. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

March 8

Joseph O. Mott, 20, North Vernon, Indiana, to amended charge of Battery, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 14 days served and 166 days suspended for supervised probation plus $335 in fees and court costs with no contact order with Jonathon Hooker and no violent contact order with Justyn Hooker.

Paul Joseph Andres, 39, Dupont, Indiana, to amended charge of Bestiality-Knowingly Performing Act Involving Sex Organ of a Person and an Animal, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, consecutive to probation violation of 180 days suspended sentence for Possession of Controlled Substance, a Class A misdemeanor. Credit for zero days served and 540 days suspended plus $285 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

March 9

Joanna Gray and Joanna Graham to Timothy Gray and Joanna Gray, 4410 East Pleasant Roadge Road, Madison.

Daniel B. Eicher, Daniel H. Graber, Daniel D. Eicher, Elmer H. Graber, Daniel V. Shetler, John V. Graber and John H. Graber Jr. to Elmer H. Graber, Daniel V. Shetler, John V. Shetler and John H . Graber Jr., 12 acreas at 10,000+ West 350 South, Lexington.

Mark T. Morrow and Sandra L. Morrow (deceased) to Daniel William Morrow, Mark T. Morrow, Julie Ann Hazelgrove Norton, two parcels totaling 7.568 acres at 6954 Little Rest Farm Road, Madison.

Daniel D. Archer to Daniel D. Archer and Deanna Turner, 1209 Esplano Drive, Madison.

Brittan D. Mefford and Keith Mefford to Brittan D. Mefford and Keith Mefford, 161 East Crowe Street #1, Hanover.

Brittan D. Mefford and Keith Mefford to Brittan D. Mefford and Keith Mefford, 161 East Crowe Street #3, Hanover.

Brittan D. Mefford and Keith Mefford to Starr L. Madrill, 161 East Crowe Street #2, Hanover.

COUNCIL

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the future. The city will provide the intersection and traffic control device and add Sunrise Crossing Boulevard to its road inventory for maintenance and upkeep moving forward.

The other action related to city streets involved the first reading of an ordinance to vacant an alley in the 900 block of East Vaughn Drive essentially in the parking lot of the former Key West Shrimp House. The alley has not been used as such for decades — the shrimp house has had parking on the area for at least 60 years — and while the alley was most likely vacated long ago, no official action to that affect can be found in city records.

The Key West building is in the process of being sold — the iconic riverfront eatery has been closed since May 2021 — and the new owners want the alley officially vacated prior to their purchase. The issue came before the city's Board of Public Works and Safety recently and advanced to council with that board's recommendation as long as the city reserves utility easements.

Tuesday's other ordinance on first reading was to establish an Aviation Rotary Fund that will track and account for fuel deliveries and sales at Madison Municipal Airport with any profits from the sales turned over to the city's Clerk-Treasurer for use by the city's Board of Aviation at the airport.

The fund will provide a better tracking of fuel sales and a way to determine profits from those sales as the airport undergoes some changes in the way it operates and manages financially.

Near the beginning of Tuesday's meeting, Wallace introduced Madison Police Department's two newest officers including one who is returning to the department after resigning in 2021 to deal with family issues.

Officer Brad Demaree originally joined the department in March 2019 and was a decorated patrolman and K-9 officer before leaving those positions. He lives in Jefferson county with his wife and two children.

The other new officer, Ryen Ware, has served with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and Scottsburg Police Department plus six years in the Army National Guard. He currently resides in Scott County.

Courtney welcomed the two officers after completing their oaths of office and noted that by hiring veteran officers who have already completed the law enforcement academy and other training, Madison can put the new hires to work immediately.

"They are already officers and can begin their duties right away," he said.

"It's a real benefit to have guys come in with their experience," Wallace added.

In other topics, Charles Gaddie of the Unified Senior Citizens of Jefferson County addressed the council about work his group is trying to do for those age 55 and older in the county.

Gaddie said the organization is looking to bring back programs like Meals on Wheels and ride sharing to medical appointments for seniors and hopes to establish a center where other services can be offered to senior citizens. He said the group wants to coordinate with senior centers in Madison and Hanover to provide a central facility that can serve both in addition to the facilities the municipalities currently offer.

"We're just trying to slowly get the word out," Gaddie said. "It's been real slow."

HOAX

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Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint and the Indiana State Police. "It just was so powerful to see how quickly and swiftly our emergency responders were on site, and we were truly surrounded by support and protected. It was actually probably the safest day in Madison school history. It truly was. We had everyone here watching out for our kids."

Brown said the incident "did give us a chance to practice for real things that we have put in place." She commended Officer Jacob McVey, the School Resource Officer, who Brown said "does a fabulous job" in leading a monthly district safety meeting. "We were able to put those things in place yesterday and try them out, and make sure we are ready. It was a good opportunity (for practice) even though we don't want to ever have to do those things."

Brown also noted the leadership of Madison Junior High School Principal Dan Grill and Madison Consolidated High School Interim Principal Ronnie Lawhead for maintaining the calm and the teachers "for how they responded and worked to keep our kids safe."

Wallace, who is also an elected member of the school board, noted the efforts of Ashley Schutte, MCS communication coordinator, in keeping the community informed about the incident and "how well the school corporation communicated with the families and the children to know exactly what was going on. That was extremely important. Of course, I am very proud of the law enforcement. I am very proud of the school corporation. I'll tell you what, I'm really proud of our students and our parents. They were very understanding and stayed remarkably calm."

The incident was first reported in a phone call to the junior high at 7:58 a.m. Police had identified two suspects and made arrests by early afternoon with a 15-year-old from Austin and a 14-year old from Madison charged as juveniles and detained at a juvenile detention center.

"Two young men right now are realizing this was not just a prank or a joke," Wallace said, adding that law enforcement will take it serious and utilize "all resources to bring to a successful conclusion."

In other business, the board:

• Accepted the resignation of Whitney Mathews as Cub Enterprises coordinator, a position that she's held since July 2021. Her last day is March 10 and Brown said the position has been posted and the program will continue on until the right person is found as coordinator.

In other personnel moves, Kyle Boekeloo was hired as a math teacher at MCHS.

• Approved the purchase of 750 Chromebooks and cases for $344,752.50 from Electronic Strategies Inc. to be used for fifth grade and ninth grade students. Additionally, permission was granted to declare obsolete 500 devices and non-usable technology equipment at E.O. Muncie Elementary School in which a quote was received for $35,000 to sell the decommissioned iPads. The remainder of the E.O. Muncie non-usable tech equipment was declared as surplus and recyclable.

Board member Michael Scott said recent action to bring in-house the school corporation's information technology will prevent having that amount of surplus in the future.

"This is why it is so good for the corporation that we've hired our own IT folks because we shouldn't have this kind of issue in the future," Scott said. At the end of last year, the school corporation canceled its contract with Five Star Technology Services, thus discontinuing out-sourcing of information technology services. In January the board hired three technology staff members to work directly for the school corporation.

• Approved an agreement with Schmidt Associates Inc. to do a facilities study in preparation for a new strategic plan that will be implemented next year. "We're just getting a feel for where we should put our resources down the road" in properly maintaining all the facilities with the school corporation, said Kevin Yancey, director of facilities and operations for Madison Consolidated Schools.

• An update on Lydia Middleton Elementary in a presentation led by its principal, Trent Whaley. "We are a family-like environment, and our staff enjoys coming to work each day, and our students enjoy being there, so we are continuing to build on the strong cultural foundational that has already been established at Lydia Middleton."

During the 2023-2024 school year, the elementary will achieve its 100th anniversary, and will be planning celebration events with the theme, "Rich History, Bright Future." With a goal of a 97% attendance rate, Whaley said the school is currently at 96.5%. He said there has been a focus on improving reading and language arts especially with the school's students being stronger in mathematics. Counselor Amy Hoskins told about the effort to encourage positive behaviors and teaching students valuable life skills.

• Approved replacing three boilers at MJHS for $156,998 with a contract from Dunlap General and Mechanical Contractors.

CORRECTION

Due to a production error, a story on a gun hoax at Madison Junior High School incorrectly stated in Thursday's print edition that a gun was found during a search of the school. No gun was found as was correctly stated in our e-Edition and online versions of the story.

OBITUARIES

Irma Rohls

Irma Louise Caroline Hurelbrink Obendorf Rohls, 100, of Versailles, Indiana, died March 8, 2023, at River Terrace Health Campus in Madison, Indiana.

She was born on June 16, 1922, in Dewberry, Indiana, to Henry and Louise Bokenkamp Hurelbrink. She attended grade school in the one-room schoolhouse at Correct, Indiana, before graduating from Versailles High School in 1940 and then the Christ Hospital School of Nursing in Cincinnati in 1943. She married Arnold "Shorty" Obendorf on May 6, 1944, in Olean, Indiana, and they had three children. She later married Leonard Rohls on Feb. 26, 1994 in Olean. Her nursing career spanned more than 50 years with various jobs from industrial, hospital, private duty and school nursing. She worked at Margaret Mary Hospital in Batesville, Indiana; Jefferson Proving Ground and Reliance Electric in Madison; and finally South Ripley School Corporation in Versailles, Indiana. She maintained her active nursing license into her 90s. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Olean for more than 95 years and was the oldest member of the congregation at the time of her death. She was the first woman in the congregation to be elected to Church Council and served as church organist, president of the women's organization, Sunday School Superintendent, and sang soprano in the choir until the age of 80. She started the Prayer Shawl ministry at Olean in 2002 as a way to reach those who were in need of comfort. In addition to prayer shawls, she crocheted hundreds of blankets, hats and IV covers for Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. She was an accomplished seamstress and baker and shared her talents through making bridal party dresses, designing and making quilts and baking and decorating intricate wedding cakes for local couples, including her children.

As a resident of River Terrace for the past year, she continued her active lifestyle by participating in baking, crafting, outings with the "lunch bunch," and rarely missed a Bingo game. She had wanted to visit all 50 states during her lifetime and the staff at River Terrace assisted her in that dream by taking her on a trip to visit her 49th state at the age of 99.

Survivors include her daughters, Ellen Mulford and Phyllis Armbrecht; a sister, Ruth Althoff; and seven grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband in 1973 and her second husband in 2017; her brothers Robert and Ralph Hurelbrink; a son, Kenneth Obendorf; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Olean. Burial will be in the St. Paul Cemetery there. Arrangements entrusted to Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Improvement Fund of St. Paul Lutheran Church through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.skfuneralhome.com.

Gregory Hoevener

Gregory Leon Hoevener, 63, of Norman, Indiana, died Monday, March 6, 2023, at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, Indiana.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1959, in Indianapolis, to Leon and Loretta Beldon Hoevener. He married Susan Jane Chatham Shepherd on Dec. 29, 2010. He attended Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour. He was a career auto body mechanic. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a Chevy man and extremely knowledgeable on any old vehicle style and type. He enjoyed watching old western movies and working outside on any project.

He survived by his mother; his wife of 12 years of Norman; a brother, Craig Hoevener of Florida; a sister, Debra Ward of Kokomo, Indiana; two sons, Shawn G. Hoevener of Vevay, Indiana and Seth J. Hoevener of Hanover; Indiana; three daughters, Sophia Silvers of Bloomington, Indiana, Rachel N. Hoevener of Indianapolis and Emily J. Hoevener of Hanover; a stepson, Jeremy Shepherd of Scottsburg, Indiana; two stepdaughters, Sandra Shepherd of Henryville Indiana and Jeannie Stingley of Scottsburg; and 16 grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and two sons, Shane A. Hoevener and Gregory Andrew "Andy" Hoevener.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at Spurgeon Funeral Home Inc. in Brownstown, Indiana. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Brownstown. Visitation is 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Online condolences and memorials, www.spurgeonfh.com.

Wanda Henley

Wanda Henley, 67, of Madison, Indiana, died Monday, March 13, 2023, at the Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison.

Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com

Michael Stika

Michael Stika, of Madison, Indiana, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at Kindred Hospital in Louisville.

Arrangements will be announced by Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.

Heather Adamkiewicz

Heather Reneé Adamkiewicz, 44, of Sanders, Kentucky, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in Louisville, after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1979, in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, to Lewis P. Adamkiewicz and Dixie Lee Murphy Adamkiewicz. She formerly worked as a social worker in the Lutheran Church. She was a published poet and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Warsaw, Kentucky.

Survivors include her parents of Sanders; two brothers, James T. Vrancic of Sanders and Darin L. Murphy of Nauvoo, Alabama; and a sister, Paula J. Silverwolf of Sanders.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 13, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Warsaw. Burial will take place in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Warsaw. Arrangements entrusted to Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, Kentucky.

Memorial contributions may be given to Baptist Health Hosparus through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Terry Hinman

Terry Lee Hinman, 55, of Fairview, Indiana, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the Kindred Hospital in Louisville after battling colon cancer since May 2021.

He was born on May 12, 1967, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, to Ralph Leroy and Elizabeth Irene Konkle Hinman. He was raised in Florence, Indiana, and was a 1985 graduate of Switzerland County High School. He was employed for 31 years at North American Stainless in Ghent, Kentucky, until September 2021. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and guns as well as metal detecting and socializing.

Survivors include his son, Chance Hinman, of East Enterprise, Indiana; his daughter, Teryn Burton of Florence; his brother, Tracy Hinman of Florence; his sister, Tandra Hinman of Carrollton, Kentucky; his special friends who helped tend to his needs, Jed Byrd, Shelly Gray, Chip Moore and Bobby Varble; and three grandchildren, an aunt, his nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Services will be private. Burial will be in the Lee Cemetery on Nell Lee Road in Fairview. Arrangements entrusted to Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Keeping Pace Cancer Fund c/o CFSCI through the funeral home or online, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Jonnie Whicker

Jonnie Mack Whicker, 71, of Lexington, Indiana, died Thursday, March 9, 2023, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana, www.morgan-nay.com.

Gregory Hoevener
October 4, 1959 - March 6, 2023

Gregory Leon Hoevener, age 63, of Norman, passed away on Monday, March 6, 2023, at Schneck Medical Center, Seymour. Mr. Hoevener attended Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, with his mother, Loretta Hoevener. Greg was a lifetime auto body mechanic. He was full of life and loved his family, especially enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was a chevy man and was extremely knowledgeable on any old vehicle style and type. Gregory enjoyed watching old western movies and always enjoyed working outside on any project.

Born on October 4, 1959, in Indianapolis, he was the son of Leon and Loretta Beldon Hoevener. Leon preceded him in death on July 20, 2018, and his mother survives in Brownstown. He is also survived by one brother, Craig (Teresa) Hoevener of Florida; and one sister, Debra (Gary) Ward of Kokomo. On December 29, 2010, he married Susan Jane (Chatham) Shepherd, and she survives in Norman.

Survivors also include two sons: Shawn G. (Taylor) Hoevener of Vevay, and Seth J. Hoevener of Hanover; three daughters: Sophia Silvers (Shawn Deckard) of Bloomington, Rachel N. Hoevener of Indianapolis, and Emily J. (Fiance Jerry Eversole) Hoevener of Hanover; one stepson, Jeremy Shepherd of Scottsburg; two stepdaughters: Sandra Shepherd of Henryville, and Jeannie Stingley of Scottsburg; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Greg was also preceded in death by two sons: Shane A. Hoevener, and Gregory Andrew "Andy" Hoevener. Funeral services for Gregory Leon Hoevener will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Spurgeon

Funeral Home, Inc., Brownstown, with Pastor Jimmy Rodriguez officiating. Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Brownstown.Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the caring staff at Spurgeon Funeral Home, Inc.

Online memorials and condolences may be given at www.spurgeonfh.com

David Barker

David Lee Barker, 59, of Commiskey, Indiana, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana in Columbus, Indiana.

He was born on June 14, 1963, in Columbus, to Earnest Lee Barker and Donna Jean Gordon. He graduated from Jennings County High School in 1981 and attended Indiana University and IUPUI for electrical engineering. He was a member of Coffee Creek Christian Church in Paris Crossing, Indiana, and worked at MPP in Campbellsburg, Indiana, and PMG in Columbus. He enjoyed fishing, golf, traveling, attending the Madison Regatta, watching NASCAR and IU basketball.

Survivors include a daughter, Kaylee Lesnet of North Vernon, Indiana; a brother, Jonathan Andrew of Commiskey; two sisters, Ruth Thomas of Bedford, Indiana and Donna Sue Barker of Florence, Kentucky; and a grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Gordon Barker.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at the Coffee Creek Christian Church in Paris Crossing. Burial will be at Coffee Creek Christian Church Cemetery there. Visitation is 10 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at the church.

Arrangements entrusted to Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home in North Vernon. Online condolences, www.dovesharprudicel.com.

Daniel Hoskins

Daniel Wayne Hoskins, 44, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Carroll County Memorial Hospital in Carrollton.

He was born on April 4, 1978, to Mary Diane Mazza and Danny Hoskins. He was a lifelong resident of Carrollton and an outdoor enthusiast. He loved to fish and hunt and was a hard worker.

Survivors include his parents; four children, Joshua Hoskins, Jaylyn Lawrence, Rileigh Hoskins and Sarah Hoskins; four siblings, Velvet Hoskins, Jared Hoskins, Brittany Mazza and Kelsey Hoskins; and his grandparents, Wilk and Bonnie Hoskins.

Visitation is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton.

Online condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Let Us Pause To Honor the Memory of
Mr. Thomas H. Magill

Thomas H Magill, age 84, of Indianapolis and formerly of Madison, during his last days was surrounded by his loving family and passed peacefully into the arms of his Savior on March 5, 2023. He was born on September 27, 1938 in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, the son of Roscoe and Virginia Magill. Tom was united in marriage to Janice Smith on November 22, 1962 and she survives. His other survivors include his daughter Melanie and her husband Dave Riley of Madison, his son Tim Magill and his wife Bliss of Indianapolis; his granddaughter Kayla and her husband Brandon Billstrand of Boerne, Texas, his grandson Nathan Riley and his wife Madison of Fort Wayne, his granddaughters Zoe and Bryn Magill of Indianapolis; his great-granddaughters Everleigh Riley and Natalie Billstrand whom he said in his last months had made his life complete; his brother Steve Magill and his wife Judy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his sister-in-law Judy Smith of Lawrenceburg and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son David Magill, his brother-in-law Jerry Smith, his brother Ross Magill and his sister Nancy Jockel. After graduation from Bellevue High School in Pennsylvania he joined the US Army on March 23, 1959 and served in active duty in Korea for 3 1/2 years, rising to the rank of Specialist 4, and was honorably discharged on February 28, 1965. In 1966 he completed the Journeyman Electrician program at Cummins Engine Co. in Columbus, Indiana and was employed there for 30 years as an electrician. He was a member of the Diesel Workers Union. After retiring from Cummins he started a family business, T-Square Renovations, and bought, remodeled, and sold houses in Madison and Hanover. Throughout his life he enjoyed working in his woodworking shop on many projects, the biggest of which was building his first home in which his family lived for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting with his sons and friends, he liked traveling to many places with his family and camping with the Berner's, and driving his Dodge Ram pick-up truck with it's Cummins Diesel Engine. In 1999 he enjoyed being an extra in the making of the movie "Madison" and his small speaking part in the discussion at the poker table with the guys at the boat house. At the time of his death he was a member of Advent Lutheran Church in Zionsville and prior had been an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cross Plains and Faith Lutheran Church in Madison serving the Lord as needed. He was the Secretary-Treasurer of the local branch of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for 25 years.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, March 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., by Pastor Jeffrey Pflug at the Faith Lutheran Church, 3024 North Michigan Road in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery at Dewberry, Indiana.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Sunday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, Indiana and Monday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Faith Lutheran Church, 3024 North Michigan Road in Madison, Indiana.

MILITARY HONORS

A final Salute and military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to mission fields of the Faith Lutheran Church, or the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Dewberry or the Advent Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the churches. Online memorials, condolences, and remembrances may be left at www.morgan-nay.com

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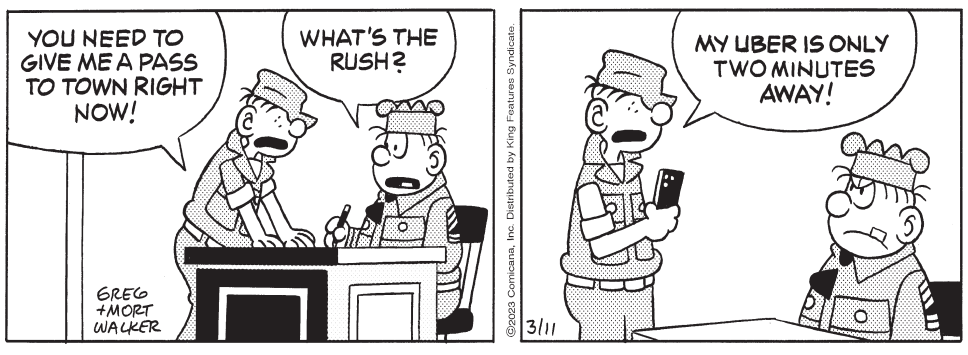
YOU NEED TO GIVE ME A PASS TO TOWN RIGHT NOW!
WHAT'S THE RUSH?
GREG + MORT WALKER
MY UBER IS ONLY TWO MINUTES AWAY!
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SIR, WOULD YOU LIKE CARAMEL, PEANUT BUTTER, OR MAYBE MINT?
YUM! SO MANY AMAZING CHOICES, I CAN'T DECIDE
Girl Scout Cookies!
DO YOU HAVE ANY BBQ-FLAVORED COOKIES?
NO, BUT I'LL PASS THAT SUGGESTION ALONG
COOKIES
Girl Scout Cookies!
EVERY YEAR HE ASKS ME THAT SAME QUESTION
JUST HUMOR HIM...HE'S OUR BEST CUSTOMER!
Girl Scout Cookies!
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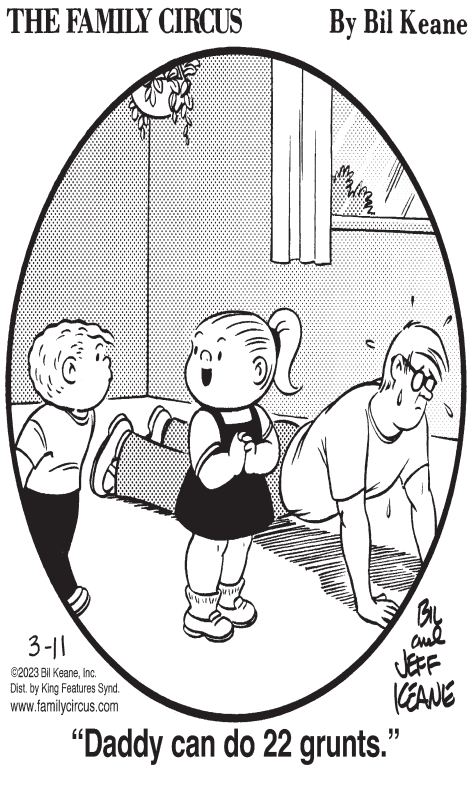

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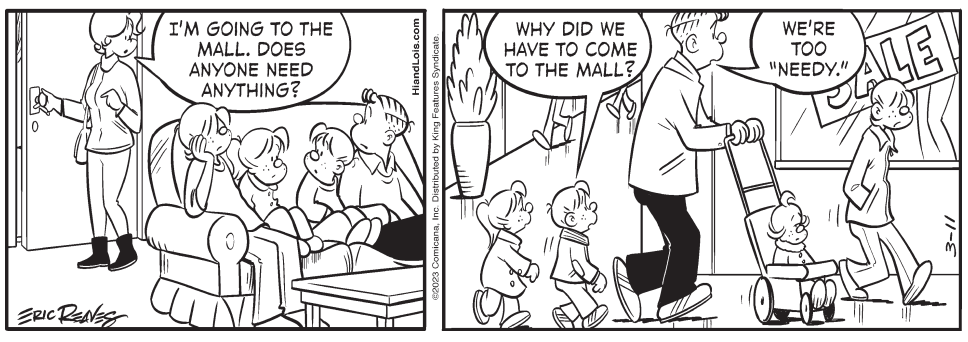
I'M GOING TO THE MALL. DOES ANYONE NEED ANYTHING?
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ERIC REINESS
WHY DID WE HAVE TO COME TO THE MALL?
WE'RE TOO "NEEDY."
SALE
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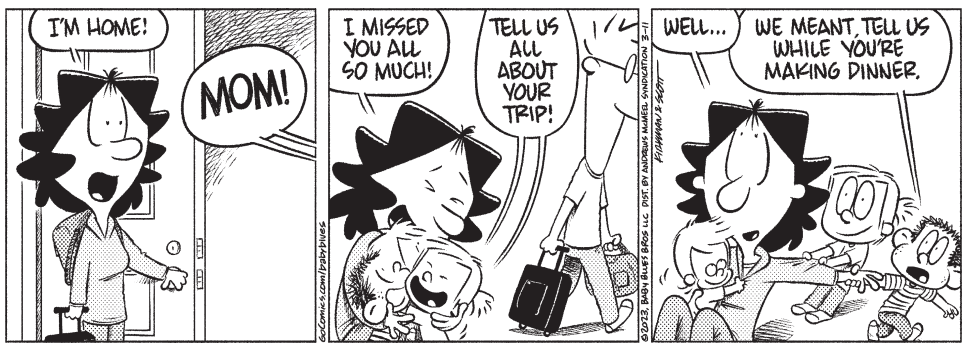
I'M HOME!
MOM!
I MISSED YOU ALL SO MUCH!
TELL US ALL ABOUT YOUR TRIP!
WELL...
WE MEANT, TELL US WHILE YOU'RE MAKING DINNER.
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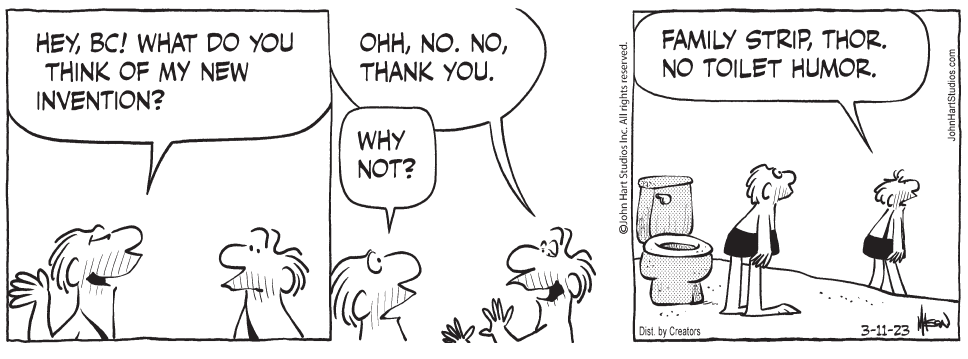
HEY, BC! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY NEW INVENTION?
OHH, NO. NO, THANK YOU.
WHY NOT?
FAMILY STRIP, THOR. NO TOILET HUMOR.
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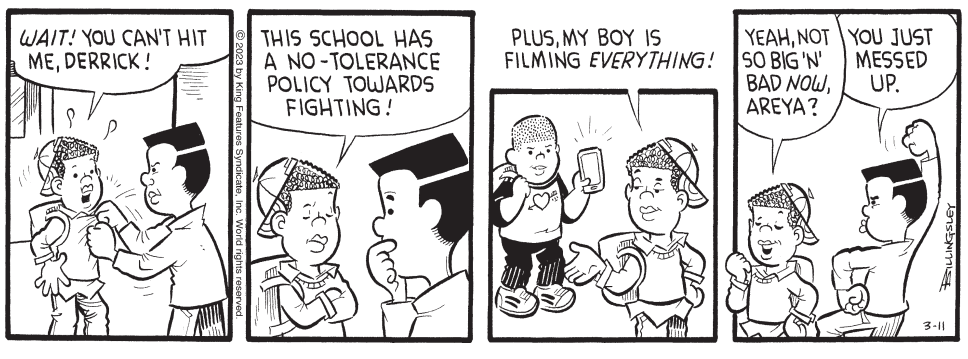
WAIT! YOU CAN'T HIT ME, DERRICK!
THIS SCHOOL HAS A NO-TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARDS FIGHTING!
PLUS, MY BOY IS FILMING EVERYTHING!
YEAH, NOT SO BIG 'N' BAD NOW, AREYA?
YOU JUST MESSED UP.
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WIZARD OF ID

ZITS

JEREMY, DON'T YOU HAVE TO WORK TONIGHT?
NAW. I QUIT.
WHAT?? WHY??
MANAGEMENT WANTED ME TO VIOLATE MY SPIRITUAL BELIEF.
WHAT SPIRITUAL BELIEF?
THAT WORKING WEEKENDS IS WRONG.
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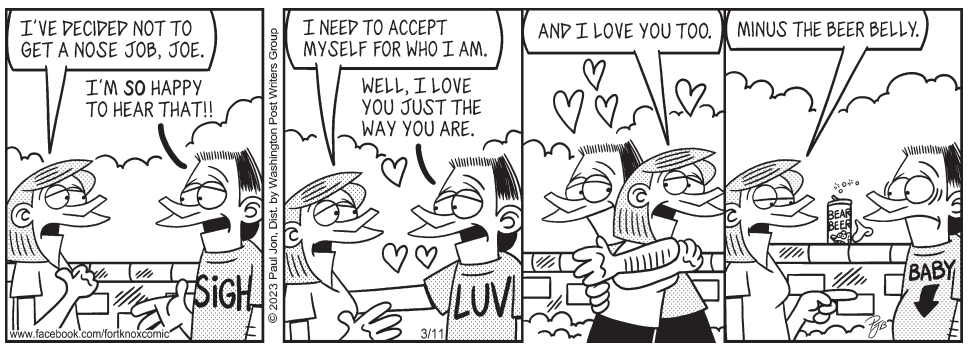
I'VE DECIDED NOT TO GET A NOSE JOB, JOE.
I'M SO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT!!
SIGH
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I NEED TO ACCEPT MYSELF FOR WHO I AM.
WELL, I LOVE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.
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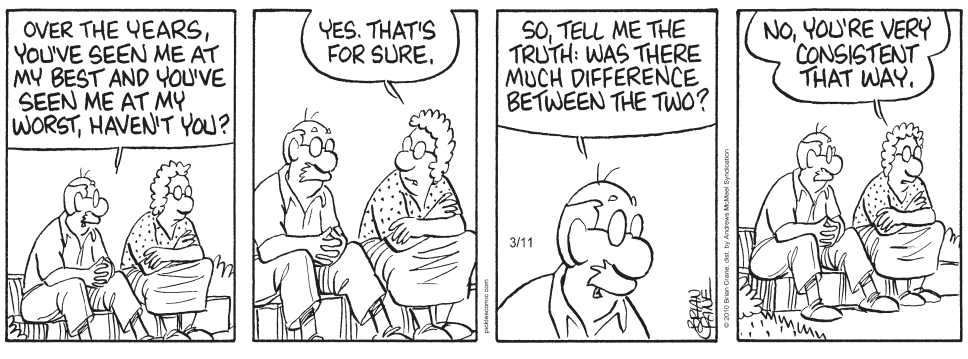
AND I LOVE YOU TOO.
MINUS THE BEER BELLY.
BEAR BEER
BABY

PICKLES


OVER THE YEARS, YOU'VE SEEN ME AT MY BEST AND YOU'VE SEEN ME AT MY WORST, HAVEN'T YOU?
YES. THAT'S FOR SURE.
SO, TELL ME THE TRUTH: WAS THERE MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO?
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NO, YOU'RE VERY CONSISTENT THAT WAY.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 11, the 70th day of 2023. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 11, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

On this date:

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln removed Gen. George B. McClellan as general-in-chief of the Union armies, leaving him in command of the Army of the Potomac, a post McClellan also ended up losing.

In 1918, what were believed to be the first confirmed U.S. cases of a deadly global flu pandemic were reported among U.S. Army soldiers stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas; 46 soldiers would die. (The worldwide outbreak of influenza claimed an estimated 20 to 40 million lives.)

In 1954, the U.S. Army charged that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., and his subcommittee's chief counsel, Roy Cohn, had exerted pressure to obtain favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, a former consultant to the subcommittee. (The confrontation culminated in the famous Senate Army-McCarthy hearings.)

In 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Konstantin U. Chernenko as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

In 1997, rock star Paul McCartney was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 2002, two columns of light soared skyward from Ground Zero in New York as a temporary memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks six months earlier.

In 2004, ten bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people in an attack linked to al-Qaida-inspired militants.

In 2006, former Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic was found dead of a heart attack in his prison cell in the Netherlands, abruptly ending his four-year U.N. war crimes trial; he was 64.

In 2010, a federal appeals court in San Francisco upheld the use of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency.

In 2011, a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Japan's northeastern coast, killing nearly 20,000 people and severely damaging the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station.

In 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. Former Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was sentenced in New York to 23 years in prison for rape and sexual abuse.

Ten years ago: Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick (D) was convicted of a raft of crimes, including racketeering conspiracy (he was later sentenced to 28 years in prison).

Five years ago: The White House pledged to help states pay for firearms training for teachers, and renewed its call for an improved background check system, as part of a new plan to prevent school shootings like the one that left 17 people dead at a Florida high school four weeks earlier; the plan did not include a push to boost the minimum age for purchasing assault weapons to 21.

One year ago: Russia widened its offensive in Ukraine, striking airfields in the west and a major industrial city in the east, while the huge armored column that had been stalled for over a week outside Kyiv went on the move again.

Today's birthdays: Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 92. Former ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 89. Musician Flaco Jimenez is 84. Actor Tricia O'Neil is 78. Actor Mark Metcalf is 77. Rock singer-musician Mark Stein (Vanilla Fudge) is 76. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 73. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 73. Singer Cheryl Lynn is 72. Actor Susan Richardson is 71. Recording executive Jimmy Iovine is 70. Singer Nina Hagen is 68. Country singer Jimmy Fortune (The Statler Brothers) is 68. Actor Elias Koteas is 62. Actor-director Peter Berg is 61. Singer Mary Gauthier is 61. Actor Jeffrey Nordling is 61. Actor Alex Kingston is 60. Actor Wallace Langham is 58. Former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., is 58. Singer Lisa Loeb is 55. Neo-soul musician Al Gamble (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 54. Singer Pete Droge is 54. Actor Terrence Howard is 54. Rock musician Rami Jaffee is 54. Actor Johnny Knoxville is 52. Rock singer-musicians Benji and Joel Madden (Good Charlotte; The Madden Brothers) are 44. Actor Thora Birch is 41. TV personality Melissa Rycroft is 40. Actor Rob Brown is 39. Actor Jodie Comer is 30.

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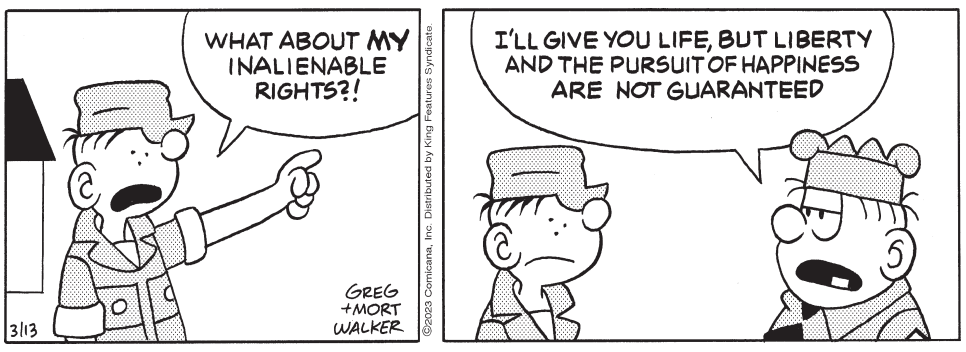
WHAT ABOUT MY INALIENABLE RIGHTS?!
I'LL GIVE YOU LIFE, BUT LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS ARE NOT GUARANTEED
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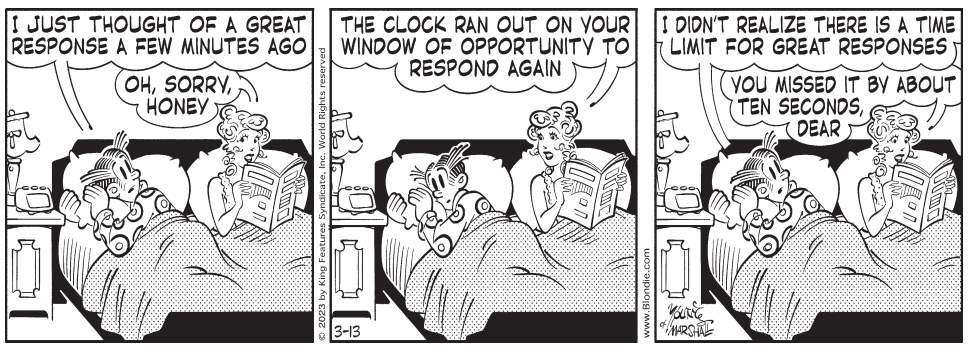
I JUST THOUGHT OF A GREAT RESPONSE A FEW MINUTES AGO
OH, SORRY, HONEY
THE CLOCK RAN OUT ON YOUR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND AGAIN
I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE IS A TIME LIMIT FOR GREAT RESPONSES
YOU MISSED IT BY ABOUT TEN SECONDS, DEAR
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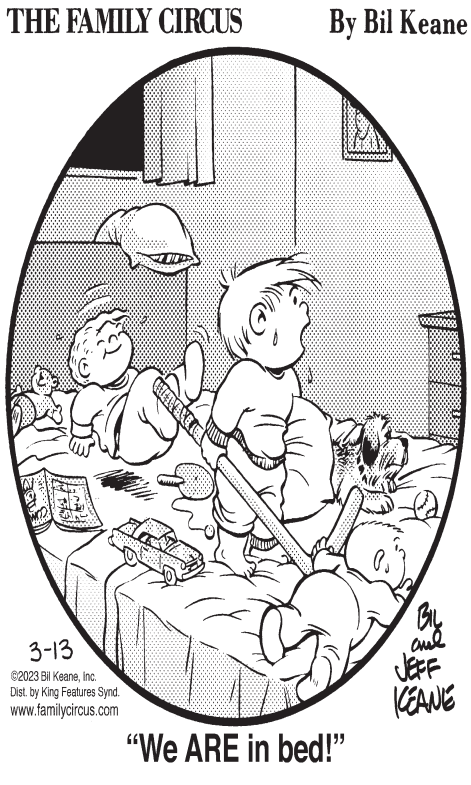

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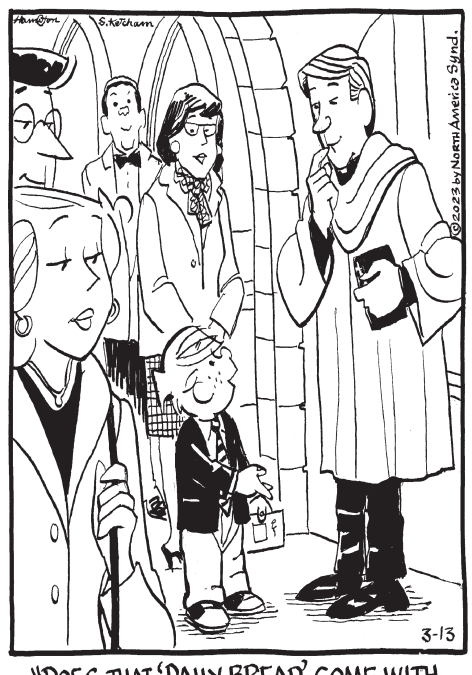

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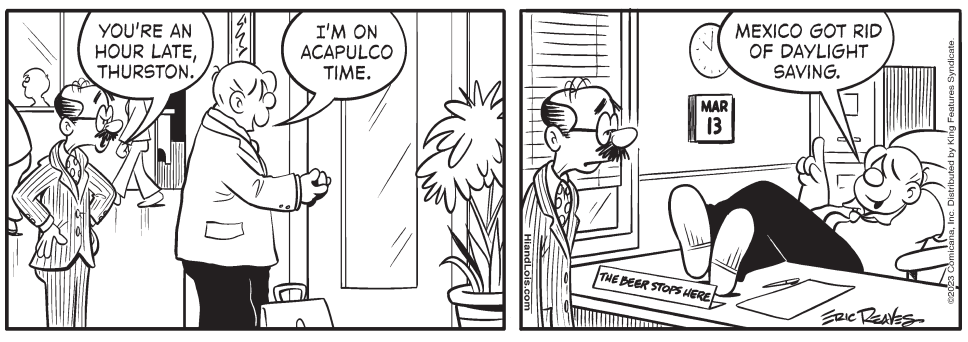
YOU'RE AN HOUR LATE, THURSTON.
I'M ON ACAPULCO TIME.
MEXICO GOT RID OF DAYLIGHT SAVING.
MAR 13
THE BEER STOPS HERE
ERIC REYNES
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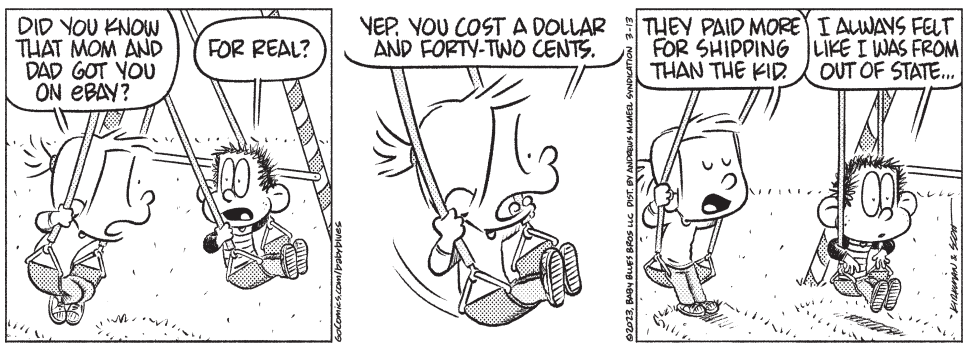
DID YOU KNOW THAT MOM AND DAD GOT YOU ON eBAY?
FOR REAL?
YEP. YOU COST A DOLLAR AND FORTY-TWO CENTS.
THEY PAID MORE FOR SHIPPING THAN THE KID.
I ALWAYS FELT LIKE I WAS FROM OUT OF STATE...
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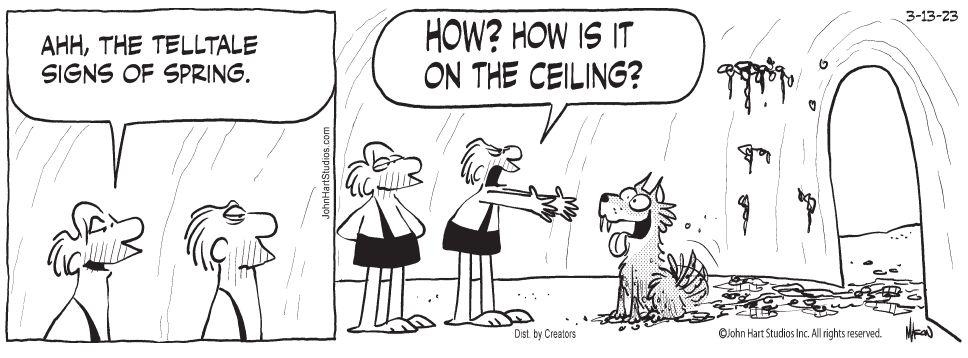
AHH, THE TELLTALE SIGNS OF SPRING.
HOW? HOW IS IT ON THE CEILING?
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CURTIS

DERRICK, ACCORDING TO THE SCHOOL'S NO-TOLERANCE POLICY, WE CANNOT FIGHT!
BUT IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING 'BOUT SHOVIN'!!
CRAAASH!
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GET HIM!
RUN, CURTIS, RUN!!
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BILL WORLEY

WIZARD OF ID

THERE ARE MICE IN THE WALLS! DO SOMETHING, WIZ!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT
KEEP IT DOWN IN THERE, GUYS. THE WIFE IS TRYING TO SLEEP
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I MIGHT APPLY FOR A CREDIT CARD.
SMART!
THAT WAY, I CAN START BUILDING A CREDIT HISTORY THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO BORROW MONEY MORE EASILY IN THE FUTURE.
BRILLIANT!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET MY PARENTS TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS.
I AM IN THE PRESENCE OF A FINANCIAL GENIUS!
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CRABGRASS

I WISH I HAD A TIME MACHINE.
OH, ME TOO!
WOULD YOU GO BACK AS A TOURIST AND STRICTLY WITNESS HISTORY, OR WOULD YOU TRY TO STOP BAD THINGS FROM HAPPENING IF YOU COULD?
WHAT? NEITHER.
I'M JUST BUMMED I WAS BORN AFTER IT WAS EASY TO GET YOUR HANDS ON A BROADSWORD.
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GARFIELD

FORT KNOX

JOEY, I JOINED A GROUP WHERE I TRULY BELONG.
GOOD FOR YOU, MOM!
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING MY ENTIRE LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME, AND I FINALLY FOUND THEM!
DOES THIS GROUP HAVE A NAME?
"ANGER MANAGEMENT."
GROUP E
JOIN OR DYE
FIGHT CLUB
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PICKLES

SO YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT DECISION IN MY LIFE I MOST REGRET?
YES.
I GUESS IT WAS THAT TIME AT THE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET IN RENO.
I HESITATED TO GO BACK FOR A THIRD HELPING OF THE PRIME RIB...
AND WHEN I FINALLY GAVE IN AND WENT BACK...IT WAS GONE!!!
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2023. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay signed the measure on March 21; Tennessee repealed the law in 1967.

On this date:

In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure prohibiting Union military officers from returning fugitive slaves to their owners.

In 1933, banks in the U.S. began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1946, U.S. Army Pfc. Sadao Munemori was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing himself to save fellow soldiers from a grenade explosion in Seravezza, Italy; he was the only Japanese-American service member so recognized in the immediate aftermath of World War II.

In 1954, the Battle of Dien Bien Phu began during the First Indochina War as Viet Minh forces attacked French troops, who were defeated nearly two months later.

In 1995, two Americans working for U.S. defense contractors in Kuwait, David Daliberti and William Barloon, were seized by Iraq after they strayed across the border; sentenced to eight years in prison, both were freed later the same year.

In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher before killing himself.

In 2011, the estimated death toll from Japan's earthquake and tsunami climbed past 10,000 as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor meltdowns while hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water.

In 2020, Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old Black woman, was fatally shot in her apartment in Louisville, Kentucky, during a botched raid by plainclothes narcotics detectives; no drugs were found, and the "no-knock" warrant used to enter by force was later found to be flawed. (A grand jury brought no charges against officers in her death, and prosecutors said two officers who fired at her were justified because her boyfriend shot at them; one officer was found not guilty of endangering Taylor's neighbors by firing into the side of her apartment during the raid.)

Ten years ago: In 2013, Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis. he was the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a millennium.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump abruptly dumped Secretary of State Rex Tillerson — via Twitter — and moved CIA Director Mike Pompeo from the role of America's spy chief to its top diplomat. On his first trip to California as president, Trump accused the state of putting "the entire nation at risk" by refusing to take tough action against illegal immigration.

One year ago: Russian missiles pounded a military base that served as a crucial hub between Ukraine and the NATO countries supporting its defense, killing 35 people. The barrage marked an escalation of Moscow's offensive and moved the fighting perilously close to the Polish border. A year after holding its basketball tournament in isolated bubbles and two years after holding no tournament at all, the NCAA announced teams for a full-fledged March Madness. Former President Barack Obama announced he had tested positive for the coronavirus.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Roy Haynes is 98. Songwriter Mike Stoller is 90. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 84. R&B/gospel singer Candi Staton is 83. Opera singer Julia Migenes is 74. Actor William H. Macy is 73. Comedian Robin Duke is 69. Actor Dana Delany is 67. Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., is 66. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 63. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 61. Actor Christopher Collet is 55. Rock musician Matt McDonough (Mudvayne) is 54. Actor Annabeth Gish is 52. Actor Tracy Wells is 52. Rapper-actor Common is 51. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob, The Lumberjacks) is 51. Singer Glenn Lewis is 48. Actor Danny Masterson is 47. Actor Noel Fisher is 39. Singers Natalie and Nicole Albino (Nina Sky) are 39. Actor Emile Hirsch is 38. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Mikaela Shiffrin is 28. Tennis star Coco Gauff is 19.

Departing Woolard assures parks programs to continue during interim

BY BOB DEMAREE

With Madison Parks and Recreation facing a transition of leadership due to the upcoming departure of Parks Director Matt Woolard just weeks after last month's departure of Deputy Parks Director Chad Ison, assurances were given Monday that all parks department activities are continuing.

"We have been actively promoting both of those positions," said Woolard, whose last day as director will be March 31. "All the events, whether it be the campground, the events we that hold throughout the city, the golf course, and all of our programming" will continue on as usual. "Mayor (Bob) Courtney is actively engaged in getting all these positions filled" and will be seeking assistance from the Parks Board. "Everything is going to continue the same, and we're excited about new chapters."

Woolard is leaving to join his wife, Alyssa Foltz Woolard, who serving as director of economic development for the town of Plainfield. Ison departed Feb. 3 after accepting a position with the NCAA in Indianapolis.

Board member Jake Shockley expressed concern that sign-ups are low for parks department programs with only nine registered so far for T-ball, six for softball and 10 for baseball.

Woolard said that because of the transition he has been aware of the hesitancy to sign-up for the programs but is encouraging people to do so. "That's where I want to continue to reiterate that we're still continuing to hold all of our programming as we normally would even through we're going through a little bit of change in the process now."

Christian Cable, a Madison resident attending the meeting, expressed his concern about declining participation in the parks programs. "I've helped coordinate leagues at (Rucker Sports) Complex and downtown, and I've seen the decline in enrollment."

He said it's disappointing considering the quality of Madison's parks facilities. "I don't think people realize that the facilities we have here are some of the best around," Cable said. "My daughter plays travel softball and I'll be honest, I have gone to some and I'm just not impressed," even in communities that are twice the size of Madison. "We've got this beautiful complex and I really feel like we're really under-utilizing it."

Cable encouraged the Parks Board to take serious the hiring process and find the right individuals to fill the leadership vacancies. He commended Ison's work as program coordinator and noted "I hope you can find someone like Chad. Every time I was up at the complex, if I texted him he was somewhere around. He was there."

Cable is concerned over what might happen during the transition. "I'm afraid with this turnover there's a chance to really drop off and become non-existent, and that kind of scares me a little bit."

In other business, the board:

• Heard a report that construction is continuing on the new Oak Hill Park, which is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day weekend. Among the projects to be completed are the new basketball courts.

• Woolard said revenue so far this year for the city campground is $64,000, an increase of 19% over last year. "I'm happy that's continuing to trend upwards for us," he said. Woolard also noted that revenue is up 18% at Sunrise Golf Course compared to February of last year, which he said has been helped by favorable weather.

• Woolard said a new position is being created as event outreach and senior coordinator that will shared between the city's parks department and the communications department and help with organizing the city's festival events and senior citizen programs.

• Will Jacobs, who was a third and fourth grade tackle football coach last year, said the program's numbers were down. He asked for assistance in better promoting the program this year. Jacobs said he is willing to help post signs around the community in an effort to attract more players.

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with Mason James as its president, led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the event.

"Madison has never been stronger," Courtney said. "Our financial strength is our currency toward the future. Our unemployment rate at 2.8% is lower than the state and national averages. Our county-wide GDP is up 10% in the past three years, a record number of new businesses have opened, our region is the fastest growing in the state; a record level of new investment is happening and Madison's fiscal strength has never been better.

"Revenues to invest in our redevelopment commission are up 42% over 2019, the city has zero general obligation debt, our revenue bond obligations are supported by strong debt service coverage ratios, and the city ended 2022 with $19 million in cash and investments, up 16% from year-end 2019's $16.6 million. We have recovered from COVID and the 2021 flooding and we did that while maintaining a balanced budget."

Courtney cited three initiatives of his administration: Community safety, economic opportunity and quality of life.

In community safety, Courtney cited growing investment in the police department and an all-volunteer fire department that accumulated 2,477 training hours last year and has "one of the best PPC (Public Protection Classification) ratings in the state."

He also cited investment in roads and sidewalks for impacting community safety. With the creation of a sidewalk rating system to assess the condition of more than 40 miles of sidewalks and almost 800 curb ramps that were analyzed throughout the city, allowing work to focus on 9 miles of fair to poor sidewalks and more than 40 curb ramps needing immediate attention.

Courtney also talked about updating the city's drinking water infrastructure. "We will make every effort to protect our water supply and build capacity for the future," something he said is being achieved by embarking on a $13 million clean water improvement project "that will address issues regarding the treatment, storage and distribution of our water. Madison provides nearly 800 million gallons of clean drinking water to nearly 70% of city and county residents and this project will prepare us for growth and more future capacity," he said.

Courtney cited flood mitigation efforts, a priority since flash flooding on June 18, 2021 flooded the Crooked Creek Watershed and nearby North Walnut Street neighborhood. "This neighborhood has seen repeated flooding over the past 150 years," he said. "But I believe we can significantly reduce the risk of flooding in that area with the right plan and the right investment. This investment won't be cheap but it will save lives. We have already appropriated over $1 million toward solving this century old problem."

In terms of economic opportunity and planning, Courtney cited more than $600 million in new investment taking place in Madison. One of the bigger projects will resurrect property that was once the site of the Madison Plaza shopping center. With a $55 million investment, the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing will bring new retail businesses to Madison while the Residences of Sunrise Crossing will bring new housing to the hilltop with 183 units.

"Last year ushered in so much economic development activity from the prior two years of planning," Courtney said. "Every pocket of our city is experiencing new investment. From Sunrise Crossing to our beautiful riverfront, from Oak Hill Drive to Main Street, from Clifty Drive to Walnut Street, and from the roads that bring people here to the sidewalks that connect us all, working together, we are elevating Madison to new heights." He said the investment happening across the community is expected to create more than 500 new good paying jobs.

Courtney also cited the Destination Madison projects that are being funded through the county's participation with the Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority to share $50 million in READI grant dollars among the region's five counties. "These plans will produce almost a quarter-billion dollar economic impact to our community making Madison the regional destination that it deserves to be," he said.

Courtney emphasized the importance of quality of life, and said in Madison that is "second to none," adding he is "a firm believer that strong neighborhoods where the people come first are critical to a vibrant community. Our neighborhood revitalization efforts in downtown and on the hilltop are resulting in lower crime, higher assessed property values, fewer unsafe structures, and a great place to raise your family."

In the Oak Hill neighborhood, $1.7 million was invested with streets re-paved and sidewalks, curbs and gutters replaced. Additionally, Oak Hill Park renovations are underway and due to be completed by Memorial Day weekend.

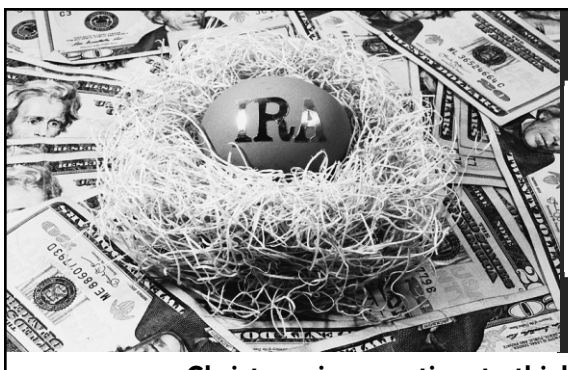
Improvements are also planned to be completed at Gaines Park in downtown Madison by Labor Day weekend and construction has been announced for a new Crystal Beach Aquatic Park that Courtney said will be "a modern facility that will be fully accessible for all ages and abilities and with amenities that will make it a regional recreational destination and a vital part of our community's health and wellness."

Courtney said last year public-private partnerships for historic preservation resulted in more than $3.5 million PACE-related investments. He added there has also been an effort to address nuisances and unsafe structures. "In our first year of investing in a code enforcement officer, in 2022 we managed 448 nuisance cases and are dealing with a universe of over 100 unsafe structures. Our goal is that owners of every unsafe structure partner with the city to develop a plan to safely abate the issue and that too is working," Courtney said.

He also cited the creation of a public arts commission that is working on a public arts master plan "that incorporates art into public spaces in a creative and thoughtful way."

Calling 2022 a "banner year," Courtney said "the best is yet to come. In 2023, we will have new groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings on major initiatives like Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, the Shoppes and Residences at Sunrise Crossing, our neighborhood grocery store project, a new housing subdivision in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and three more Destination Madison initiatives, to name a few.

"There is a tremendous amount going on" in Madison, and "it's because of all the hard work" of many people "who are making a tremendous investment of time and money in Madison," he said.



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Hamilton is the only certified water safety Instructor in the region, and has made it her lifelong passion to teach swimming lessons and lifeguarding classes to ensure area pools are safe recreational choices with qualified lifeguards. A teacher and swim coach with Southwestern Schools, she is also actively involved with youth programs and mission work at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Vonderheide was community relations director at King's Daughters' Health, followed by 13 years working as special projects director at the City of Madison for Mayor Al Huntington. She also worked as an environmental educator for seven counties in the Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District. Vonderheide and her late husband formerly owned and operated 411 Flowers on Main Street in Madison. Early in her career, she was a news writer for WORX radio in Madison and promotion director for WKRC radio in Cincinnati.

Clashman, who died on Oct. 17, 2022, was a memorial honoree. Clashman, 94, was founder of Madison's Riverfront Development committee as well as founder and president of the Jefferson County Animal Welfare Fund. She was a life member of both the Madison Salvation Army Advisory and the Nature Conservancy.

Proceeds from the luncheon benefit local Girls Inc. The nonprofit provides after-school, outreach, and summer programming for girls ages 5 to 18. The organization offers members a variety of activities, from science experiments and homework assistance to cooking and economic literacy. There is a focus on its core essential services of academic enrichment and support, healthy living, and life skills, and a mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold.

Find Life Insurance with Affordable Premiums

"Layin' it on the line"

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

There is an old saying about life insurance: *"you buy life insurance because you either owe someone or you love someone"*

The life insurance industry has changed, with the introduction of the internet, access to information has increase as well as the options to acquire it and manage it. For many people life insurance is just a commodity and frankly it is until….. until the insured dies. Then it becomes a lifeline t security, income and family continuation.

Working with a licensed and authorized insurance agent can help you decipher the insurance road. Still many people want to look behind the hood for themselves. If you are one of those people, here are some tips.

Shop around and compare quotes from multiple insurers. Different insurers may have different rates for the same coverage, so it's important to compare quotes from multiple companies to find the best deal.

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2. But, term insurance is like renting, you only can keep it for a specific period of time. Permanent (whole life) insurance will protect you for your entire life.

3. Consider your coverage needs. The amount of coverage you need will affect the cost of your policy. Determine how much coverage you need based on your financial goals and the needs of your beneficiaries, and choose a policy that provides the right amount of coverage at a price you can afford.

4. Consider your health. Insurers will consider your health when determining the premium for your policy. If you have good health, you may be able to qualify for lower premiums.

5. Consider your lifestyle. Insurers may consider factors such as your occupation, hobbies, and whether you smoke when determining the premium for your policy. If you have a high-risk occupation or engage in risky hobbies, you may pay more for life insurance. If you smoke, you may also pay more for life insurance.

6. Considering working with an independent insurance agent. An independent insurance agent can help you compare quotes from multiple insurers and find a policy that fits your needs and budget.

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HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers earn softball split

Hanover overcame loss to Centre to win 2nd game of doubleheader

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover rebounded from a close loss in game one to beat Centre and former Carroll County Panther Andrea Searcy in a shortened game two in the Panthers' softball home opener on Wednesday.

Searcy, a junior at Centre, started in the circle in a high-scoring second game that saw Hanover pick up the 11-8 win after five innings when the game as halted due to darkness.

Searcy struggled in her inning and two-thirds in the circle, allowing seven earned runs on seven hits with two strikeouts and two walks. Centre trailed 7-2 when she exited the game and eventually fell behind 11-2 before the Colonels scored five runs in the fifth and one in the sixth to pull within three runs before fading light ended the game.

Hanover collected 12 hits in the game, including a home run and a double by Carson Kruse, who was 2-for-2 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Kensie Bradley was 3-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and three runs scored, Katherine Dickinson was 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBIs, Dani Steward was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and three runs scored, and Kendra Hutchinson and Mallorie Fultz each had a double.

Megan Ekart started and picked up the win for Hanover, allowing three earned runs on seven hits in three innings with two strikeouts.

Hanover nearly rallied from a five-run deficit but fell short 5-3 in the first game.

Centre (9-7) scored two runs in the first inning, two in the fifth and one more in the sixth to build its 5-0 lead. Hanover scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth on a Carson Kruse bases loaded double but got no closer.

Kruse was 2-for-3 with three RBIs to lead Hanover. Hutchinson had two hits, while Bradley. Steward and Dickinson each had a hit. Lauren Beaman allowed four earned runs on 12 hits in seven innings and was tagged with the loss.

Searcy had a hit and scored a run for Centre.

Hanover, now 3-9 on the season, hosts Capital for two games on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. The Panthers then have a week off before playing in the Pioneer Classic in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on Saturday, March 18.

BASEBALL LOSES TO SPALDING

Hanover baseball suffered a 14-2 loss to Spalding in the Panthers' home opener on Wednesday.

Hanover was limited to just two hits in

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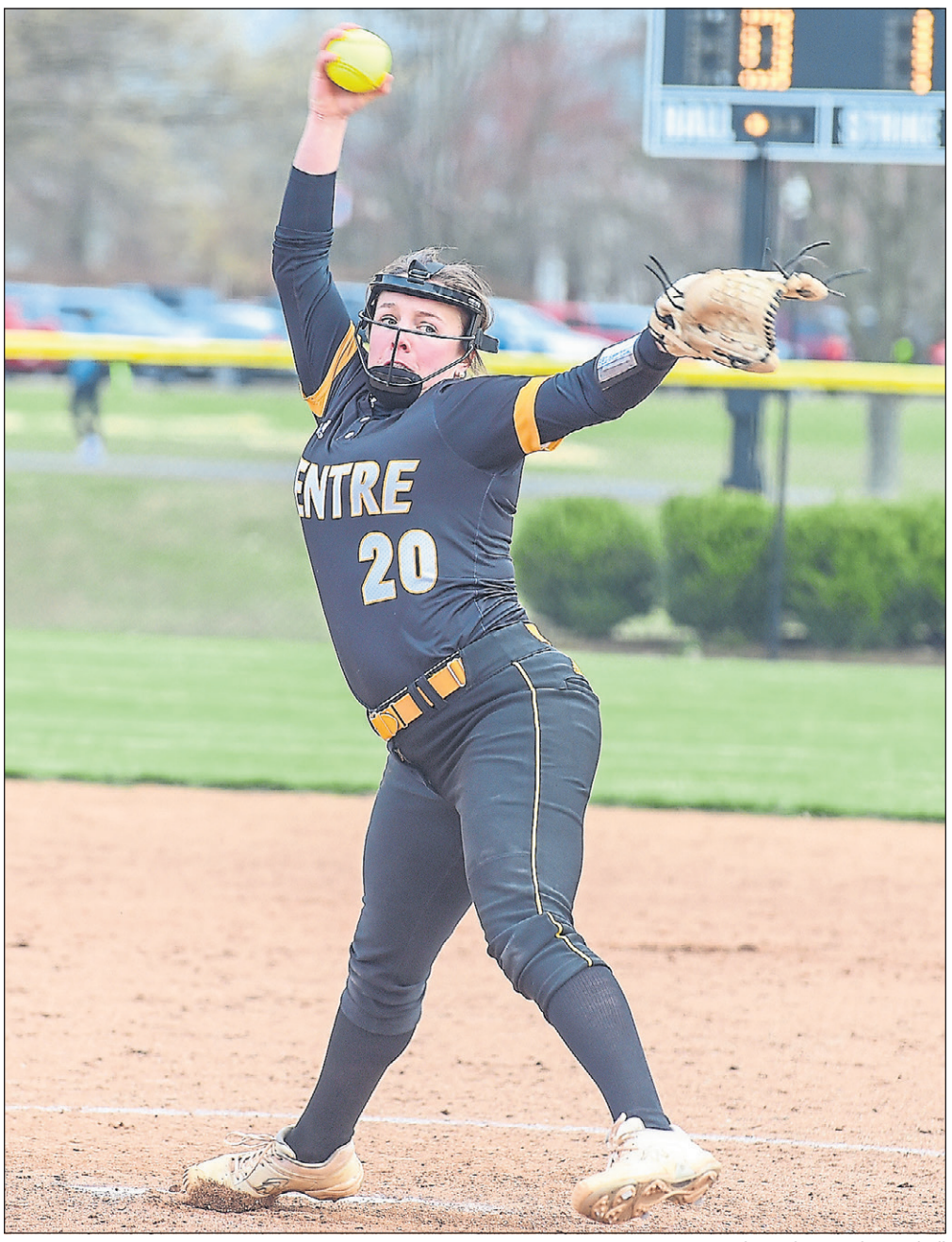

Photos by David Campbell

Above: Former Carroll County softball player Andrea Searcy, a junior at Centre College, fires a pitch during Wednesday's doubleheader at Hanover. Searcy started the second game and suffered the loss. Below: Hanover's Kendra Hutchison (middle) takes off from first base behind Centre's Kaylee Gregory as teammate Kensie Bradley (7) prepares to swing during Wednesday's doubleheader. Hanover split the two games in their home opener.

Sorting out who's No. 1 after NFL combine

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The process of selecting this year's top overall draft pick began in earnest last week at the NFL's annual scouting combine.

It's just the start of a longer process.

After watching quarterback Anthony Richardson wow scouts on the field, seeing 2021 Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young check in shorter than expected and defensive tackle Jalen Carter become the center of attention for all the wrong reasons, teams will embark on the next step — pro day evaluations.

Here's a look at some of the more memorable moments from the past week in Indianapolis:

QUARTERBACK SHOW

Most of the focus entering combine week centered on the top two quarterbacks — Young of Alabama and C.J. Stroud of Ohio State. But Richardson of Florida and Will Levis of Kentucky might have been more impressive on the Lucas Oil Stadium turf.

Levis brazenly told reporters he intended to throw so he could showcase his "cannon" arm. He did. And while Stroud also looked the part of a franchise quarterback in the throwing portion of drills, Young opted to sit it out after he measured at 5-foot-10 1/8 inches. That would make Young one of the NFL's shortest quarterbacks.

Richardson, meanwhile, helped himself significantly with one of the most athletic performances all week. At 6-4, 244 pounds, Richardson ran the 40-yard dash in 4.43 seconds and posted a 40 1/2-inch vertical jump and a broad jump of 10-foot, 9-inches.

All three numbers ranked among the best by any quarterback at the combine since 2003.

CARTER'S TROUBLES

It was a tumultuous week for Carter. After announcing he wouldn't opt out, like many top prospects, he left town Wednesday to return to Georgia, where he was charged with two misdemeanors, reckless driving and racing, in connection with a fatal crash in January.

The news broke minutes before he was scheduled to speak with reporters. He never stood behind the podium.

On Thursday, he was back in Indy, giving himself a chance to explain immediately to evaluators during team interviews what had happened in Georgia. The next day, bodycam footage surfaced of a police officer giving Carter a warning about speeding — just four months before the fatal crash.

Carter's troubles created an unusual dynamic for his former college teammates who spoke with reporters on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each drew questions about Carter's character, Georgia's culture and the crash that killed Bulldogs offensive lineman Devin Willock and a recruiting staff member.

Carter came into the combine in the mix to go No. 1 overall. It's unclear if that's still the case.

BRAVE BENCH

Players and their agents complained loudly last year about doing the bench press on the same day as on-field-workouts, so this year organizers changed the schedule, holding the bench press the day after on-field workouts. The switch led to one of the bravest performances in memory.

Guard Adnrew Vorhees crashed to the turf with a right knee injury during offensive line drills on Sunday. Reports surfaced Monday that he had suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

But that didn't stop the Southern California product, who lifted 225 pounds a combine-high 38 times. While the injury may cost him all of next season, he showed everyone his resilience and determination.

TURNING HEADS

Edge rusher Nolan Smith of Georgia and cornerback D.J. Turner II of Michigan also made strong impressions.

First, Smith broke down at the podium on Wednesday while publicly sharing his thoughts about Willock for the first time. The next day, his impressive workout included a 4.39 in the 40 and a 41 1/2-inch vertical jump, both tops in his position group, and a broad jump of 10-8, which was third.

Turner drew attention for his blazing time in the 40, 4.26, on Friday. It was the fourth-fastest time since 2003 and the only sub 4.3 at this year's combine.

Smith already was expected to be a first-round pick, but Turner may get some additional looks thanks to his speed.

COMBINE FUTURE?

NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith made no secret about his thoughts on the combine even before anyone arrived in Indy. He thinks it should be discontinued.

Still, team executives and coaches repeatedly said the combine was a crucial piece of the evaluation puzzle, primarily because of the interviews and medical checks. Many of the 319 invitees even called attending the combine a dream.

It's pretty clear the combine isn't going away any time soon. Last spring, Indy managed to keep the league's second-largest offseason event through 2024, beating out Dallas and Los Angeles.

Reds see future in trio of young pitchers

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Cincinnati Reds brought up their three top pitching prospects last season to revive a starting rotation decimated by cost-cutting.

Right-handers Hunter Greene and Graham Ashcraft, and lefty Nick Lodolo experienced rookie struggles — with stunning flashes of brilliance mixed in — as the rebuilding Reds lost 100 games for the first time in 40 years.

"The progress you would like to see, we've already seen that," manager David Bell said early in spring training at Goodyear, Arizona. "Hopefully they have many, many years to come. This is just the very, very beginning. They have to keep working to get better. You never have it figured out. That's what I'm seeing this spring."

Pitching coach Derek Johnson spoke to them about how they have the chance to become a foundation similar to Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz for the 1990s Atlanta Braves.

"The three of us talk about being the core — every day," the 23-year-old Greene said. "Looking at us in that light is pretty special. Having the friendship but also the competitiveness is exciting. The chemistry couldn't be better."

Greene was the second overall pick in the 2017 amateur draft. He made the opening day roster in 2022, threw 100 mph fastballs and led the Reds in starts, innings and strikeouts. He had a late stint on the injured list with a strained shoulder, finishing 5-13 with a 4.44 ERA with 164 strikeouts in 125 2/3 innings.

In a start against Tampa Bay in July, Greene threw 38 pitches of 100 mph or more. When Greene returned from the injured list in September, he threw 33 pitches of 101 mph or higher in six innings against the Cardinals, striking out 11.

Having relied on a four-seam fastball and a slider, Greene has worked on developing a changeup — he threw it just 5% of the time last year, at an average of 90 mph.

"An extra tool for me to become even a better pitcher," he said.

The 6-foot-6, 25-year-old Lodolo (4-7, 3.66 ERA in 19 starts) doesn't have that kind of velocity but is an intimidating presence with a high strikeout percentage and low walk rate. The stocky, 25-year-old Ashcraft (5-6, 4.89) averaged 97 mph with his fastball and cutter.

"I mean we got good friendships all over the team, but us three are pretty close," Lodolo said. "It's good internal competition between us all, and I know all three of us are pulling on the same side of the rope."

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 11

BASEBALL
Hanover vs. Hope at Decatur, Illinois, 2 p.m.

LACROSSE
Hanover men at Concordia (Illinois), 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Hanover hosts Capital, 1 p.m. (DH)

TENNIS
Hanover men at Franklin, noon

TRACK & FIELD
Hanover, NCAA Division III Indoor Championships, Birmingham, Alabama, noon

Sunday, March 12

BASEBALL
Hanover at Millikin (Illinois), 11 a.m. (DH)

Monday, March 13

BASEBALL
Carroll Co. at Shelby Co., 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

TENNIS
Hanover men & women host Hastings, 3:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys & girls host Trimble Co., 5 p.m.

ANALYSIS

Jones' new contract raises standard for QBs

BY ROB MAADDI
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Daniel Jones turned one decent season into a mega-money contract that raises the standard in the NFL.

Once the New York Giants gave Jones a deal worth $160 million over four years — $82 million is reportedly guaranteed for the first two seasons — the price tag went up for quarterbacks around the league. Way up.

If Jones can join Patrick Mahomes, Josh Allen and six others in the $40 million-per-year club after a breakout season in which he threw just 15 touchdown passes and ran for seven more, how much money will more accomplished QBs get paid?

Before last season, the Giants declined to give Jones his fifth-year option at $22.3 million. Now, they're paying him like a superstar after he helped lead them to a 9-7-1 record and their first playoff appearance since 2016.

But Jones was essentially a game manager who protected the football. His best performance came in a playoff win at Minnesota that was followed by a dud in a season-ending loss at Philadelphia.

Only Aaron Rodgers has an average annual salary of $50 million per year. Lamar Jackson, Jalen Hurts, Joe Burrow and Justin Herbert should be next considering what Jones got from the Giants.

Jackson, the 2019 NFL MVP, received a nonexclusive franchise tag from the Baltimore Ravens so he'll make $32.4 million this season — a bargain compared to Jones — if he doesn't sign a long-term deal. He doesn't have an agent who could've already finished what's become a drawn-out process. Jackson can negotiate with other teams when free agency begins next week. The Ravens can match his best offer or they could take two first-round draft picks in return.

Jackson, who turned 26 in January, is 45-16 in four seasons with the Ravens. He's 1-3 in the playoffs but already is one of six quarterbacks in NFL history with 10,000 yards passing and 4,000 rushing.

Hurts, Burrow and Herbert are eligible for contract extensions this offseason.

Hurts led the Eagles to the Super Bowl and was runner-up to Patrick Mahomes for AP NFL MVP. He also was a finalist for Offensive Player of the Year after totaling 35 touchdowns, throwing for 3,701 yards and running for 760.

In Philadelphia's 38-35 loss to Mahomes and the Chiefs in the Super Bowl, Hurts had one of the best all-around games ever seen on football's biggest stage. He completed 71% of his passes for 304 yards and one TD, and ran for 70 yards and three scores.

A reasonable starting point for his contract negotiations would be Kyler Murray's deal — $230.5 million over five years.

"Tremendous respect for him as a player, as a person," Eagles general manager Howie Roseman said of Hurts. "Tremendous respect for the people that work with him to do this, and you go through it in a way that you want to find a win-win solution. You want to find something that he feels really good about, and at the same time that we feel good about and surround him with good players. He knows that. He's a smart guy. He understands that. That doesn't mean that it's not going to be a tremendous contract for him because he deserves that, too."

Burrow led the Cincinnati Bengals to the Super Bowl in his second season in 2021. Burrow has averaged 4,543 yards passing and 35 TDs over the past two years. It's expected he'll become the highest-paid player in NFL history whenever he signs his new deal.

"It's not done yet," Bengals GM Duke Tobin said last week. "You know, it's a good problem to have. I have been pretty vocal about what Joe means to us, and my job is to facilitate his success as best I can with putting pieces around him, and his contract will get done when it gets done. But it's a good problem to have. He's a vital part of what we're doing."

Herbert has 14,089 yards passing and 94 TDs in three seasons for the Los Angeles Chargers, who made the playoffs but blew a 27-0 lead in a wild-card loss to Jacksonville in January.

Agent Leigh Steinberg says Jones' contract "certainly enhances the market for other quarterbacks" and pointed to Jackson, Hurts, Burrow and Herbert.

"Jones has had an excellent season but is not considered their equivalent. All the other quarterbacks will see that as a floor and use it in negotiations," Steinberg told the AP.

Of course, guaranteed money is the most important part of any NFL contract. Deshaun Watson got $230 million fully guaranteed over five years from the Cleveland Browns last year. No doubt Jackson wants at least the same, which has led to a stalemate in discussions.

Fully guaranteed deals didn't become a trend even though quarterbacks and their agents will continue to point to Watson getting his contract while mired in legal trouble. After Watson signed, Murray ($189.5 million guaranteed) and Russell Wilson ($161 million guaranteed) received less last summer and Derek Carr ($100 million guaranteed) so far got the most this offseason.

Huge pay days now await Jackson, Hurts, Burrow, Herbert and others.

49ers awarded 7 compensatory draft picks

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

The San Francisco 49ers added a league-high seven compensatory picks in next month's NFL draft, giving them 11 total selections.

The NFL awarded 37 compensatory picks to 16 teams on Thursday for the upcoming draft on April 27-29 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Picks are awarded to teams in the third-through-seventh rounds with 32 of the picks based on teams losing more or better free agents than they acquired last offseason and the other five given for minorities hired as head coaches or general managers for other organizations.

The 49ers got three of those five diversity picks in the end of the third round as rewards for developing Robert Saleh, Martin Mayhew, Mike McDaniel, Ran Carthon and DeMeco Ryans in the last three hiring cycles.

Cleveland and Kansas City got the other two diversity picks for general managers for Kwesi Adofo-Mensah and Ryan Poles.

The Super Bowl-champion Chiefs also got two picks through the free agency formula to give them three total comp picks.

San Francisco got the maximum four picks awarded through the free agency formula, with those selections coming at the fifth and sixth rounds, as well as two in the seventh.

The Niners turned a seventh-round compensatory pick last year into quarterback Brock Purdy, who helped San Francisco reach the NFC title game by winning his first seven starts as a rookie.

San Francisco won't make its first pick until No. 99 near the end of the third around after giving away their first-rounder for Trey Lance and second and third-rounders for Christian McCaffrey.

The Rams added four compensatory picks through free agency, with Arizona and Dallas getting three; Green Bay, Las Vegas, New England, Tampa Bay, Washington and the Giants getting two each, Minnesota and New Orleans getting one.

Arizona and Washington got the only third-round picks based on free agency, with the Cardinals adding the 96th pick after losing receiver Christian Kirk, and Washington getting the 97th pick after losing guard Brandon Scherff.

Compensatory free agents are determined by a formula based on salary, playing time and postseason honors. Not every free agent lost or signed by a club is covered by this formula.

Chicago and Houston got supplemental selections as the final two picks in the draft because only 30 picks were handed out through the free agency formula.

SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WA..	NBC..	Chefs	TheSo..	The Wall		Weakest Link		SNL		WA..
4 WTTV	4		College Basketball				NCIS: LA		S.W.A.T.		48 Hours		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News		NBC..	Let's..	The Wall		Weakest Link		SNL		News
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	The Rookie		Maste..	Maste..	Animals	Animals	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	WiseM..	Cash	NBA	NBA Basketball					News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Ent. Tonight (N)		NBA	NBA Basketball					News
15 WKPC	13		Viewers' Choice				Viewers' Choice						
19 WXIX	10		(5:30) P..	College Basketball				Postga..	WBC Great Britain vs. United States (N)				
32 WLKY	5	5	College Basketball				NCIS: LA		S.W.A.T.		48 Hours		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Judge..	Judge..	TwoM..	TwoM..	Maste..	Maste..	Animals	Animals	WDRB News		Mom
41 WDRB	8	9	(5:30) P..	College Basketball				Postga..	WBC Great Britain vs. United States (N)				
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First 48
AMC	29	26	(5:00) ★★★ The Mummy Returns				★★★ Con Air ('97) Nicolas Cage.					★ Gone in 60 S...	
COM	45	59	Seinfeld	★★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05)					★★★ Step Brothers ('08)				Movie
DISC	31	38	Afraid		Afraid		Afraid "Opposites Don't Attract"				Afraid		Afraid
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	TheP..	TheP..	Marvel..	Big City	Hams..	Marvel..	Ladyb..
ESPN	32	44	College Basketball				Basket..	College Basketball				Basketball	
FREE	18	40	(5:30) ★ Beauty & the B...		(:35) ★★★★ The Lion King ('94)				(:40) ★★★★ Up ('09)				
FX	40	28	(4:00) ★ Green ...	XFL Houston Roughnecks at Orlando Guardians (N)							XFL Football		
HBO	201	17	(5:35) ★ Terminator 2: Judgment...				★★★ RocknRolla ('08)				The Last of Us		Mason
MAX	270	73	(5:40) ★★★★ Warrior ('11)				★ Bringing Down the...			(:45) ★★ Wild Hogs ('07)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		News..
PARMT	35	41	(4:30) ★ Ancho...		★★ Grown Ups ('10) Adam Sandler.					★ Anchorman: The Legend of ...			
SHOW	221	16	Movie	(:35) ★ Everything Everywhere All at Once					★ Panama ('22)			(:45) Boxing	
TMC	233	74	(:10) ★★★★ Zodiac ('07) Jake Gyllenhaal.						★ The Blackcoat's Da...			(:35) ★ Student ...	
TNT	27	43	(5:15) ★★★ Wonder Woman 1984 ('20)					★★★★ Shazam! ('19) Zachary Levi.					Movie
USA	26	33	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chi.Fire

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WA..	NBC..	Dateline NBC				Magnum (N)		Blacklist (N)		WA..
4 WTTV	4		NCAA Sel (N)		60 Minutes (N)		Equalizer (N)		East New (N)		NCIS: LA		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBC..	Dateline NBC				Magnum (N)		Blacklist (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	The Rookie		Animals	Animals	Whose..	Whose..	News	Sports..	News
9 WCPO	23		News	Countdown (N) (Live)			The Oscars (N) (Live)						News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	Countdown (N) (Live)			The Oscars (N) (Live)						News
15 WKPC	13		(4:00) Viewers' Choice				Viewers' Choice						
19 WXIX	10		(3:30) NASCAR		Simpso..	Burgers	Simpso..	The-N..	Burgers	Famil..	FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	NCAA Sel (N)		60 Minutes (N)		Equalizer (N)		East New (N)		NCIS: LA		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Sheldon	Sheldon	BigBa..	BigBa..	Animals	Animals	Whose..	Whose..	Good Dr		black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	(3:30) NASCAR		Simpso..	Burgers	Simpso..	The-N..	Burgers	Famil..	WDRB News		PaidP..
A&E	28	36	Biography "Undertaker"				Biography "Kane" (N)				WWE Rivals		WWE..
AMC	29	26	(5:30) ★★★ Con Air ('97)				★★★★ Star Trek Beyond ('16) Chris Pine.					(:45) ★ Total Re...	
COM	45	59	(5:30) ★★★ Step Brothers		The Office				TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..
DISC	31	38	Naked "No Gear, No Fear" (N)				Afraid "Bro, Hold My Fear" (N)				(:05) Naked-Solo		Afraid
DISN	25	29	(:55) Kiff /(:20) ★ Diary of a Wim...				Bunk'd	Bunk'd	★★★★ Mary Poppins Returns				Bunk'd
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		Bracket		NCAA Women		NBA Basketball				
FREE	18	40	(5:30) ★★★★ Coco ('17)				★★★ Minions ('15)				★ Shrek Forever After		
FX	40	28	(5:00) ★★★★ A Star Is Born ('18)				★★★ The Fate of the Furious ('17) Vin Diesel.						Movie
HBO	201	17	(:05) ★★★★ The Menu ('22)				The Last of Us		TheLast	(:45) The Last		Game	Last..
MAX	270	73	(:20) ★★★ The Fog ('05)				★★★ Non-Stop ('14)			(:45) ★★★★ Last Night in Soho			
NEWSNTN	20	20	LastM..	LastM..	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		News..
PARMT	35	41	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (N)		Waco
SHOW	221	16	Waco		Your Honor		TheCi..	TheCi..	Your Honor (N)		Waco		YourH..
TMC	233	74	(:10) ★★★★ Changing Lanes ('02)				★★★ Desperado ('95)			(:45) ★ Old Henry ('21)			
TNT	27	43	(4:00) N..	NHL ..	★★★★ Avengers: Endgame ('19) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr..								Movie
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU "Pop"		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WA..	NBC..	WA..	News	The Voice (N)				Quantum (N)		WA..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Neighb..	BobH..	NCIS (N)		NCIS (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	The Voice (N)				Quantum (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Insid..	ET (N)	All Amer (N)		American (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	The List	The Bachelor (N)				Good Dr (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	The Bachelor (N)				Good Dr (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		World..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Kentucky (N)		Perform. "Remember This" (N)				World..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	9-1-1 (N)		Fantasy (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	Neighb..	BobH..	NCIS (N)		NCIS (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	All Amer (N)		American (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	WD..	News	Judge..	Judge..	9-1-1 (N)		Fantasy (N)		WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:15) ★★★★ Star Trek Beyond				★★ Gone in 60 Seconds Nicolas Cage.					(:45) ★ Hitman	
COM	45	59	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	Daily..
DISC	31	38	(5:00) Outlaws		Outlaws (N)		Outlaws: Fast "Gamechanger" (N) (SP)						Street
DISN	25	29	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	★ Flora and Ulysses (P)			Marvel..	Marvel..	Hams..	Kiff	Ladyb..	Ladyb..
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		NBA	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	★★★ Minions ('15)				★★★ Shrek Forever After ('10)				Watchful (N)		700Club
FX	40	28	★★★★ Zombieland ('09)				★★★ Night School ('18) Kevin Hart.					★ Night School	
HBO	201	17	(5:15) B..	(:50) ★★★ Don't Worry Darling ('22)					Mason (N)		Rain..	Perry Mason	
MAX	270	73	Movie	(:25) ★ Thoroughbreds			★★★ Old ('21)			(:50) ★★★ The Omen ('06)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Rush Hour (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	Movie					Movie	
SHOW	221	16	★★★★★ The Untouchables ('87)				Your Honor		Waco		★ Everything Everyw...		
TMC	233	74	Movie	★ But I'm a Cheerleader			★★★ Wild Things ('98)				★ Wifelike ('22)		
TNT	27	43	(:05) ★★★★ Avengers: Endgame ('19) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr..								True Blood		TrueB..
USA	26	33	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)						Chrisley

PANTHERS

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the game, doubles by Alex Christie and Cole Sherman. Sherman and Jacob Dupps each drove in runs.

John Girard took the loss after giving up just two earned runs on three hits in two innings.

Hanover, now 2-4 on the season, competes in the Millikin (Illinois) Invitational this weekend. The Panthers faced Hope (Michigan) on Friday and will play them again on Saturday. Hanover is also scheduled to play Millikin in two games.

Hanover will then take the week off before hosting Wabash on Saturday, March 18.

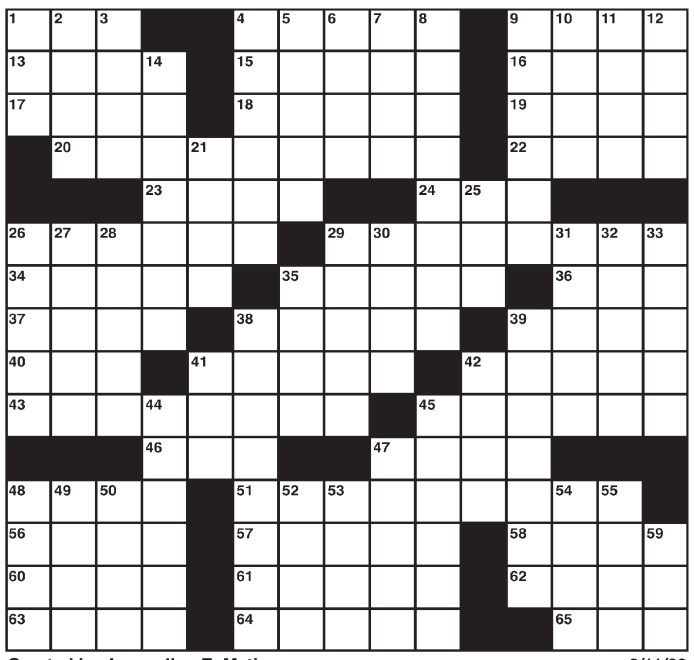
MEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO DEPAUW

Hanover men's tennis lost 8-1 loss at DePauw on Wednesday.

Ilya Gromochenko posted Hanover's lone win in a hard-fought 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, (10-8) victory over Zylstra Grayson at No. 6 singles.

Hanover, now 1-5 on the season, opens Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play on Saturday when it travels to Franklin. The Panthers then host Hastings (Nebraska) on Tuesday.

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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ACROSS
1 Spotted
4 Coconut trees
9 Davenport
13 Mob scene
15 Run __ of the law; commit crime
16 Fervent
17 Traffic sign
18 Money, slangily
19 Give to a borrower
20 Dawdlers
22 Boats like Noah's
23 Italian auto
24 Pork product
26 This answer's direction
29 Tending to find faults
34 Rock used in making bricks
35 Dried fruit
36 Late great heavyweight
37 Thoughtful
38 "__ My Way"; film for Bing
39 Washing machine cycle
40 Say no more
41 Birthday desserts
42 Part of USAF
43 Vagabond
45 __ on; had confidence in
46 "Beauty __ the Beast"
47 Auctioneer's cry
48 Deficiency
51 Cabinet department
56 Brute
57 Odor detectors
58 Way out
60 Carry
61 In any __; nevertheless
62 Coty or Russo
63 Uneasy
64 Naps
65 TV's "__ and Stacey"

DOWN
1 Dads with namesakes: abbr.
2 "What __ you?"; health inquiry
3 Sheep's coat
4 Prairies of South America
5 Underway
6 1937-71 American magazine
7 Stubborn quadruped
8 Using a scythe
9 Spicy sausage
10 "__ There"; patriotic song
11 Tattletale
12 Also says
14 Dual
21 Astute
25 Supped
26 Crooked
27 Most populous nation
28 Singer Travis
29 Bawler
30 Jogs
31 Resort isle near Naples
32 Mrs. Ralph Kramden
33 __ up; formed a queue
35 __ around; snoop
38 Landscape tender
39 GI
41 Cheap container
42 Stetson material
44 Sham
45 Sunday entrées, perhaps
47 Glade buyer's choice
48 Temporal __; brain section
49 Elderly
50 Rocky peak
52 Bar soap brand
53 Finds a purpose for
54 Horned animals
55 Evening hour
59 Rose Kennedy's youngest

Today's Puzzle Solved

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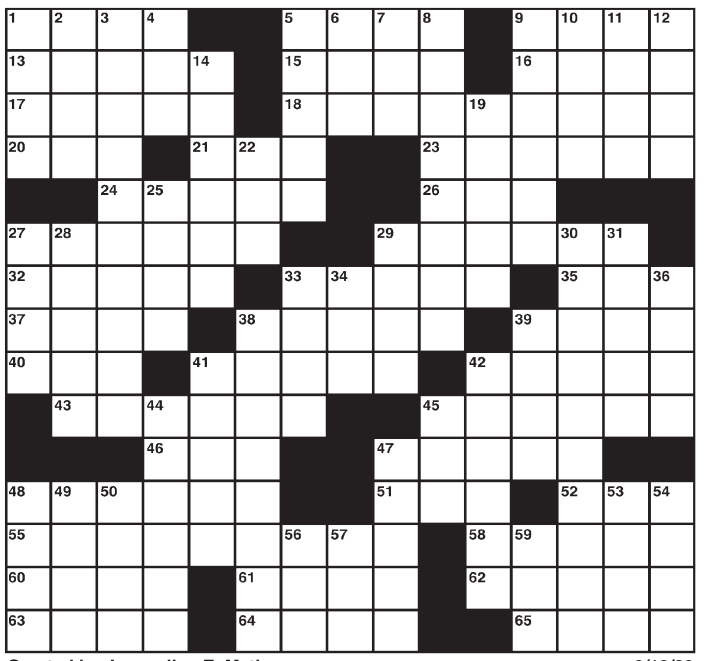

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ACROSS
1 Surrounded by
5 Pillow cover
9 Cemetery purchase
13 Like rattan furniture
15 Actress Winningham
16 Lasso
17 "I __ such thing!"; claim of innocence
18 Expands
20 File drawer, perhaps
21 Rollaway bed
23 Customer
24 Capture
26 "__ Just Not That Into You"; 2009 film
27 Faucet
29 Indiana team
32 Smarter
33 19th-century U.S. president
35 Big game
37 Passionate
38 Heckle
39 Read over quickly
40 Pres. election month
41 Shoe bottoms
42 Word before cuisine or couture
43 Actress Shirley
45 Bald spot coverer
46 "People __ Funny" of old TV
47 Market walkway
48 Pencil's feature
51 Tennis court divider
52 Carl Reiner's son
55 Like Raggedy Ann & Prince Harry
58 Escape detection by
60 Level, as a building
61 Playing card
62 "Universal language of Western civilization"
63 Hurried away
64 Turner & Koppel
65 Must-have

DOWN
1 Elec. adapter letters
2 Housekeeper
3 Wishy-washy
4 Cub Scout group
5 Most common U.S. surname
6 __ Solo; Harrison Ford role
7 St. Joan of __
8 Storekeeper
9 Extol
10 Misplace
11 Willing to reconsider
12 SAT, for one
14 Surgeon or internist
19 Vote into office
22 31-day period: abbr.
25 Over-the-hill
27 Origami bird
28 Swivel around
29 Cookware items
30 Get well
31 Prairie schoolkid's item
33 Actor Gordon
34 French street
36 Part of the leg
38 Patient & forgiving
39 First king of Israel
41 Shopper's binge
42 Traveler's stop
44 Prepared spuds
45 __ up; bind
47 Longest continental range
48 Makes a blunder
49 "As ye sow, so shall ye __"
50 Wood shaper
53 Cartoon dog
54 South __, IN
56 Leave this life
57 Finish
59 Roomy vehicle

Today's Puzzle Solved

Trapped in a snowbank, wife wants out

AMY DICKINSON ASK AMY

Dear Amy, I am 64 and retired. My husband is 62 and has his own home-based business. He said he was going to retire, but now he's saying he will just work part time so that we will have extra money "to play."

We moved to an extremely small town, which has very few entertainment opportunities. It entails over two hours of driving to get all but the most basic of medical care. Most of the women here grew up with their friends, and are not welcoming.

There is also snow on the ground for six months of the year, and I have physical problems that make it difficult and risky for me to walk in snow.

My husband is happy here. He has friends through his work and doesn't really care about spending time with people.

He's an outdoor guy. All I do is watch TV with him or wait for him to not be working.

I want to move to a place where I have more options for friendship and entertainment, but he refuses to move. He doesn't like to travel, and I am afraid the rest of my life will be spent living in this fishbowl where I can only look outside and be alone.

He rejects the idea of looking for another place, and becomes angry when I bring it up. What should I do now? — Trapped Wife

Dear Trapped: Your husband's "play fund" seems to apply only to him. There doesn't seem to be much play in your life.

I assume that you have done your utmost to engage in the social life of your chilly home. Joining book groups, volunteering at the library, or getting a part-time job would help to keep you engaged and active.

You are unhappy. You are cold. Your health is at risk. You have not adjusted to life in this place.

Pandemic's long-term effect worries reader

AMY DICKINSON ASK AMY

Dear Amy: Do people report to you that the COVID pandemic changed them?

It changed me.

I thought the isolation wouldn't bother me because I am an introverted woman. I treasure my solitude.

There were times when I didn't see another human being for a week or 10 days.

I went only to the store and the library just to see another human being and chat for a minute or two. That seemed to suffice — after all, for two years that person walking toward me might be carrying a disease that could kill me.

I remember thinking it's as though I am in a spaceship that keeps circling the Earth, and I can't land.

Well, now I have landed, and I find that I am less tolerant than I used to be, and a lot more cynical.

My compassion for others has descended to a new low.

I have dropped a couple of long-term friendships because I couldn't bear the other person's neediness. It was as if I was for years wearing rose-colored glasses, but they fell off and now I see the world differently.

I am active again in an art group I've been a member of for 17 years and I attend a music circle where we make music for each other, so it's not that I have become totally anti-social.

What's your take? — E. D.

Dear E.D.: Yes, people do report that the pandemic has changed them. In fact, I can hardly imagine passing through these recent years without being changed.

Your description of feeling as if you were aboard a spaceship is memorably vivid.

During the years of the pandemic, your ever-present anxiety had an effect on your body's chemistry. Stress hormones flooding your body, without relief, can have a profound effect on your physical and mental health.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your eyes may be bigger than your stomach, so you might expect more than you receive. If you find you must operate within a seemingly hostile atmosphere, take steps to be more forthright and open.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It may be better to concentrate on the little things than to attempt bigger things. Wait for better timing to pursue a romantic fling or drum up new business deals. You may need to keep your money safe.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may find it easier to lose your cool or take offense when your wants and needs are not acknowledged. It might be tempting to seal a business deal, but it is likely better to avoid rushing into anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A loved one could be wrapped up in an overwhelming romance and wearing blinders when it comes to your wants and needs. You could find you could share in the glory and gain some additional financial stability.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Lasting loyalty may not be built overnight. The desire to achieve a commitment may be compelling but could lock you into an agreement that limits your freedoms. Now may be the time to do some cleaning.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When expectations are not met or understanding does not happen, a relationship may fall apart. Romantic feelings can boomerang if you get into an argument or push for a commitment at the wrong time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may need to put your finances and your heart on lockdown. Save up your cash and emotions so you can use them when conditions shift in your favor. Try not to push anyone's buttons or get involved in an argument.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may receive recognition for your work or be invited to a business-related social event. Finish projects while you have some extra time. It can be better to stay busy than to let family squabbles erupt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Be open-minded, open-handed, and get things out into the open. Someone might be brooding over an imagined slight and this could escalate a minor misunderstanding into a larger conflict.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It may be obvious that your hard work is beginning to pay off. Read the writing on the wall. Important phone calls or discussions may lead to unfortunate misunderstandings so it may be best to delay them at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — This may not be an optimum time to make expensive purchases or get carried away with impulsive sprees. You may want things that are durable, but you might make an incorrect choice if you are not thinking things through.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Misunderstandings might be possible so try not to add fuel to the fire by hiding your feelings or arguing about something minor. If single, you could strengthen a friendship by being honest and forthcoming with your thoughts.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might receive praise for being a team player. Adopt a take-charge attitude and tackle the tasks others may not want to manage. An email or phone call can spark a misunderstanding, so be discreet about personal communications.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A lack if harmony is in the air so you should keep your head down and focus on yourself. Put crucial contracts and agreements to the side for now. Large expenditures could cause a problem with your budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your enthusiasm might be at a low point, or your energy can be drained by the demands of others. A family member might be more astute than you about money, so this could be a good time to listen to their sound business and financial advice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You understand your own feelings better than someone else's, so try not to judge situations by your own reactions. Trust that loved ones could go the extra mile to help. Now may not be the time to add to your debts or dispute a bill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Doing nothing might be better than taking action. Conflicting opinions and personalities may freeze you in place, so try to avoid being confrontational or unreasonable. Do not sign contracts or make financial decisions that could affect the bottom line.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This can be a good day to tackle detailed or precise work. Work hard to achieve your ambitions and try not to be deterred by highly emotional loved ones. Hard work and self-discipline can begin to pay off soon.

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Haliburton dishes career-high 19 assists in Pacers' OT win

BY PHILLIP B. WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tyrese Haliburton had 28 points and a career-high 19 assists, Buddy Hield hit the go-ahead 3-pointer in overtime and the Indiana Pacers beat the Houston Rockets 134-125 on Thursday night.

Hield broke a 117-all tie with his fifth 3-pointer and Haliburton scored 12 points after that as the Pacers outscored the Rockets 19-10 in overtime.

"It ain't pressure," Haliburton said. "It's just basketball. It's understanding guys expect me to make plays. That's what I'm here for. ... This is part of my maturation as an NBA player and as a point guard in this organization."

Pacers coach Rick Carlisle spoke of his All-Star point guard's growing affinity for making plays late.

"He took over the game in overtime," Carlisle said. "He certainly has demonstrated that is what he's about. He loves those moments, very much the way (Hall of Famer) Reggie Miller loved those moments."

The Pacers have won seven consecutive games against the Rockets, who have the NBA's second-worst record at 15-51.

"I will blame Buddy for not having 20 (assists)," Haliburton said with a smile, referring to Hield's missed shot.

The Rockets trailed for all of three quarters before rallying with a 15-2 run to take a 110-108 lead with 4:10 remaining. Houston rookie forward Jabari Smith Jr. made a 3-pointer with four seconds left to force overtime.

"Smith hit a hellacious shot to put them in overtime," Carlisle said, "and we had to come up big."

Indiana's Myles Turner scored 21 points and blocked seven shots. Jordan Nwora added 18 points off the bench. Hield had 17.

Smith scored 21 of his 30 points in the second half and had 12 rebounds. Jalen Green had 24 points, and Kenyon Martin Jr. 23.

"It's progress," Rockets coach Stephen Silas said. "It's getting down a bunch, fighting back, finding lineups that haven't played together much. We've just got to figure out a way to shoot some more 3s. They made more than we shot. That's hard to overcome."

Indiana hit 14 of 24 shots, including 6 of 12 3-pointers, to take a 38-27 lead after the first quarter. Indiana led by 18 in the first half and had a 64-58 edge at halftime.

The Rockets had an 82-58 edge in points in the paint and outrebounded the Pacers 58-42.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Had 18 assists to the Pacers' 34. ... Dropped to 6-28 on the road.

Pacers: Rookie sixth-man Bennedict Mathurin rolled his right ankle and was carried to the locker room late in the first quarter. He did not return. ... Play seven of next eight on the road.

UP NEXT

The Pacers visit Detroit on Saturday night.

Morant sits as NBA investigates his actions

BY TERESA M. WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ja Morant's skyrocketing basketball career is on hold following a series of off-court decisions by the young NBA star involving a gun in a strip club, actions which have temporarily derailed his meteoric rise.

Morant is the target of a second NBA investigation in weeks with no timetable for his return to the Memphis Grizzlies. The two-time All-Star will miss his second game Tuesday night when Memphis visits the Los Angeles Lakers.

His benching after showing an apparent gun while at a strip club hours after a loss to Denver comes amid a sealed lawsuit alleging he punched a teenager during a pick-up game at his home last summer along with drinking and partying.

Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins says the 23-year-old Morant is a young man that has to "grow and get better."

Morant is the face of a young team with no player 30 or older, in a city that has been the center of the country's gun issues.

In November 2021, a rapper who had performed at a Grizzlies' halftime show was shot dead while buying cookies in Memphis. In 2010, a 34-year-old former Grizzlies' center was found dead riddled by bullets in a swampy field in southeast of the city.

Morant and the Grizzlies provided a much-needed respite in January while Memphis grieved the death of Tyre Nichols following a brutal attack by five police officers.

All that made Morant's Instagram livestreaming himself shirtless holding an apparent gun next to his left cheek in the early morning hours Saturday at a Colorado club simply stunning.

Reverend Earle Fisher of Abyssinian Baptist Church spoke at both Young Dolph's memorial and funeral and has talked with Morant's father since the viral video. Fisher said a broader conversation is needed about open carry gun laws with some cultural context applied.

"There are some ways to interpret what Ja did in a way that holds him accountable, but also gives him the grace and the space that's needed to continue to mature as somebody who is the face of the franchise," said Fisher.

Morant has beaten the odds after being an overlooked, faceless college prospect playing summer basketball, taking a road less traveled to become an NBA All-Star and league MVP candidate. Morant signed a five-year, $193 million contract last summer, but missing too many games this season could cost him a potential $38 million bonus.

This is only the latest in a series of questionable incidents involving Morant.

A close friend of Morant's was escorted from the arena after arguing with Indiana Pacers' players in January. Morant said the NBA banned his friend from the arena for a year.

Last summer during a pick-up basketball game at Morant's home, a 17-year-old accused him of assault. Investigators said in January that "there was not enough evidence to proceed with a case."

Of all the scrutiny, this video is the most serious threat yet to Morant's career and the Grizzlies' pursuit of their first championship.

Morant's basketball prowess is unquestioned. He was the No. 2 pick overall, 2020 Rookie of the Year and finished seventh in MVP voting last season. He ranks ninth in the NBA averaging 27.1 points a game and fifth with 8.2 assists a game for a team second in the Western Conference.

Now the Grizzlies' coach knows he may be without his best player for an extended period of time.

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Retired Pujols thinks moving into coaching 'will happen'

BY WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Albert Pujols is open to transitioning into coaching. Eventually. Just not yet.

The retired slugger popped into the St. Louis Cardinals spring training camp on Thursday to visit with former teammates and while he believes coaching or some other role within Major League Baseball will happen, he's not eager to give a timetable.

"Listen 23 years and 24 years, following a schedule from February all the way to October is tough," said Pujols, who retired in October after 22 years split mostly between the Cardinals and the Los Angeles Angels. "Now I have the freedom to have my own schedule. That's something that I'm grateful about."

Pujols spent a week as a special assistant with the Angels in Arizona shortly after camp opened. He's embracing retired life after a career that ended with 703 home runs, fourth on the career list.

The almost certain future Hall-of-Famer likely wouldn't have to look to hard to find work whenever the time comes. Yet he's in no hurry. There's too much golf to play, to many members of his family to visit for now. He even made an appearance in the NBA Celebrity game as part of the league's All-Star weekend last month.

Pujols stressed he wasn't going to put a "stamp" on when the right time will be to return to the game in a larger capacity.

"If it happens next year it's great," he said. "Knowing myself I think I'll let that moment come and I'll revisit if it's something I think that works, I'll do it for sure."

HARPER HOPEFUL

Phildelphia Phillies star Bryce Harper thinks he could be ready as soon as the All-Star break as he recovers from offseason Tommy John surgery.

The two-time National League MVP said Thursday the team has solidified mid-July as the potential target date for Harper to return.

Harper spent most of last season as Philadelphia's designated hitter after initially injuring his right elbow in April. He underwent surgery in November, not long after helping the Phillies to the World Series for the first time since 2009.

The 30-year-old Harper intends to serve as a designated hitter whenever he gets back in the lineup. Returning to right field could take considerably longer.

"Of course, I want to play the outfield," Harper said "I want to get back out there and be in front of the fans in right field doing my stuff."

SETBACK FOR RODÓN

The New York Yankees will have to wait a bit for their investment in Carlos Rodón to pay off.

General manager Brian Cashman said the veteran left-handed pitcher will begin the season on the injured list due to a left forearm strain. Rodón won't throw for 7-10 days, squashing any chance he'll will be ready by opening day.

The Yankees signed Rodón to a $162 million, six-year contract during the offseason after Rodón put together back-to-back All-Star seasons, first with the Chicago White Sox in 2021 and then with the San Francisco Giants last summer.

GREENE OPENING STARTER FOR REDS

Hunter Greene will be the opening day starter for the Cincinnati Reds.

The 23-year-old is getting the nod as he begins his second season in the majors.

"It means the world. It's a huge honor considering the history in Cincinnati," said Greene who went 5-13 in 24 starts during his rookie season. "It is a huge honor with the talent we have. Knowing the history and the potential we have to bring the team back (after 100 losses)."

Greene threw 7 1/3 no-hit innings against Pittsburgh in May and lost, and he was leading the National League in home runs allowed before missing 43 games with a right shoulder strain.

WACHA, HADER PREPPING FOR PADRES

San Diego starter Michael Wacha pitched three innings against Cleveland, giving up two unearned runs. Wacha, who didn't sign with San Diego until last month, wasn't worried about needing time to get up to speed.

"This is my 10th spring training, I've kind of gotten it figured out," Wacha said after his outing.

He gave up three hits and struck out two, and the runs were unearned.

Wacha, 31, was 11-2 with a 3.32 ERA in 23 starts for Boston last season.

Reliever Josh Hader followed Wacha to the mound. The hard-throwing lefty closer begins his first full season in San Diego after being acquired from Milwaukee.

Throwing several sliders in his second outing, Hader gave up two hits and a walk but no runs. He threw one wild pitch and struck out one.

"That was one of my goals, trying to get a lot of reps with that slider," Hader said.

He said he threw more fastballs in his first outing, so he emphasized his slider this time. "Try to get them for strikes and see the reactions of the hitters," he said.

HILL IMPRESSIVE AS 43 LOOMS

There appears to be plenty of life left in Rich Hill's left arm on the eve of his 43rd birthday.

The 17-year veteran allowed one run and two hits for Pittsburgh on Thursday in a 10-7 loss to Detroit. Hill, who turns 43 on Saturday, mixed speeds and arm angles to keep the Tigers off balance.

Hill's fastball topped out at 89 mph. His array of breaking balls dipped as low as 68 mph. He caught Detroit's Justyn-Henry Malloy on three pitches in the second and followed it up by fanning Kerry Carpenter on a slider that hit just 68.8 mph on the radar gun.

The Pirates signed Hill to an $8 million one-year deal, hoping he will provide both a boost on the mound and in the clubhouse for a team littered with young players, particularly in the starting rotation.

SOTO ON HIS WAY BACK

Phillies reliever Gregory Soto threw 24 pitches over one inning during a simulated game one day after reporting for spring training.

The two-time All-Star was obtained from the Detroit Tigers as part of a five-player deal in January.

"I knew I was getting to a new team, and I wanted to get familiar with the new personnel, new teammates," Soto said through an interpreter. "So, the longer I was in the DR the less time was going to have here."

Soto was able to work out at the Phillies' academy in the Dominican Republic, which is about an hour away from his home.

BOONE GOES YARD

Aaron Boone's still got it.

The New York Yankees skipper celebrated his 50th birthday by taking a little batting practice, a round that included a shot over the left field fence at George M. Steinbrenner Field.

Boone, who hit 126 homers during a 12-year major league career and famously ended the 2003 AL Championship Series with a walk-off homer against Boston's Tim Wakefield in the 11th inning in Game 7, dropped his bat after the ball left his bat while slugger Giancarlo Stanton roared his approval just outside the batting cage.

FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL

Baltimore Orioles manager Brandon Hyde has placed an emphasis on team bonding and one of the activities concluded with pitcher Dean Kremer winning the clubhouse ping pong tournament.

"We have a few things," Hyde said. "We have a dart tournament going on. We'll have some basketball stuff during March Madness. See who's got the best jumper on the team. It's just the same thing every single day (at spring training). Just try to keep it light."

Kremer defeated first baseman Ryan O'Hearn in a best-of-three matchup. Kremer was departing Thursday to join Team Israel in Miami, Florida for the World Baseball Classic.

Hyde jokingly said the ping pong tournament was the reason that Kremer hadn't reported to Team Israel.

Ewing fired by Georgetown after 13-50 last 2 seasons

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP NATIONAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — Before coaching his first game at Georgetown — indeed, his first game as a head coach at any level of basketball — Patrick Ewing acknowledged that his tenure would be judged on one basis: his record.

"People could call me 'the greatest Hoya ever,' but as you know, if I don't win, there will be another coach here, sooner or later," Ewing said in 2017. "Every coach knows, as soon as ... you dot the I's and cross the T's, the writing's on the wall. At some point in your career, you're going to be let go. That's just life in coaching."

Ewing's time as coach of the Hoyas came to an end on Thursday, when he was fired after going 75-109 over six seasons at the school he led to an NCAA championship as a player in the early 1980s.

In a statement included with the news release about the change, school president Jack DeGioia called Ewing "the heart of Georgetown basketball" and described him as "tireless in his dedication to his team and the young men he coached."

Ewing, meanwhile, thanked DeGioia "for giving me the opportunity to achieve my ambition to be a head basketball coach" and added: "I wish the program nothing but success. I will always be a Hoya."

His last game was an 80-48 loss to Villanova on Wednesday night in the first round of the Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden, the arena where Ewing was a star for the NBA's New York Knicks for so many years.

Georgetown went 7-25 this season, including 2-18 in regular-season conference play, a schedule capped by a 40-point loss to Creighton. Ewing presided over a 29-game Big East losing streak that began in March 2021 and ended this January, the most consecutive defeats in league history.

The past two seasons were particularly poor: The Hoyas won a combined 13 games while losing 50, a winning percentage of .206.

Ewing's tenure included only one winning season, zero victories in March Madness and just one appearance in the NCAA Tournament. It's a far cry from the sort of success Georgetown enjoyed when the 7-foot Ewing patrolled the paint as an intimidating, shot-blocking force at center decades ago.

During his four years in uniform under coach John Thompson Jr., Georgetown went 121-23, won the 1984 NCAA title and appeared in the championship game two other times. Ewing went on to become the No. 1 overall pick following the NBA's first draft lottery and starred as a pro, mainly for the Knicks.

"As successful as I was as a player," Ewing said when he was hired to succeed Thompson's son, John III, as the coach of the Hoyas after 15 years as an assistant in the NBA, "that's how successful I want to be as a coach."

Ewing began, promisingly enough, by going 8-0. What followed was a harbinger of what was to come: Georgetown faded to 15-15 that season, a first-round loss in the Big East tournament and no postseason invitation.

During Ewing's time in charge, a wave of transfers carried talent away from Georgetown, while strong defense — a hallmark of his teams when he was on the court — was rare.

The unquestioned highlight of his return to the Hilltop was the 2021 conference tournament at his old stomping grounds of MSG. The Hoyas surprisingly reeled off four victories in a four-day span to earn that title and the automatic NCAA berth that came with it; they were bounced by Colorado by 23 points in their opening game of the Big Dance.

Kansas' Self to miss Big 12 tourney after medical procedure

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas coach Bill Self will miss the Big 12 Tournament after going to the emergency room Wednesday night for what doctors called "a standard procedure," and it's uncertain whether he will be back for the NCAA Tournament.

Dr. Steve Stites, the chief medical officer at the University of Kansas Health System, said Self did not have a heart attack, which some outlets had reported, but that he remained a patient Thursday. Stites also did not describe the nature or extent of the procedure, though Self is expected to make a full recovery.

"We didn't really let the guys know until this morning because nothing was concrete what was going on," said Kansas assistant Norm Roberts, who led the No. 3 Jayhawks to a 78-61 win over West Virginia in the quarterfinal round.

"Coach is doing good," Roberts added. "I talked to him on the phone (after the game). He's doing well. He already wants to watch film and all of that. He's doing better."

Kansas officials announced that Self was ill about five hours before tipoff Thursday and that Roberts would be the acting coach. It's a role he filled earlier in the season when Self served a school-imposed four-game suspension.

The Jayhawks are the defending Big 12 Tournament champions and are trying to secure a No. 1 seed for the NCAA Tournament, where they will attempt to defend the national championship they won last April.

"Just come together through it all. Coach Self obviously would want that," Kansas guard Gradey Dick said. "A lot of what he preaches with us is next man up, and in this case it was coach."

The 60-year-old Hall of Fame coach led Kansas to the regular-season championship in the toughest conference in the nation this season, despite losing several key players from the team that beat North Carolina for the national title last April.

He was present Wednesday for a shootaround at T-Mobile Center and appeared healthy. He met with reporters for about 20 minutes outside the locker room and said his team was ready for another March run.

"We've talked about we're going to Kansas City to try to put ourselves in position to win this thing, but knowing we better take one game at a time," Self said Wednesday. "I've put the emphasis on, 'Let's go play our best.' What the (Big 12) tournament does, it can validate what your regular season's been. And this is an opportunity to validate it."

Self is 581-130 during his two decades with Kansas, and is 788-235 in his 30 seasons as a head coach, including stops at Oral Roberts, Tulsa and Illinois. He's led the Jayhawks to a pair of national championships, and the regular-season Big 12 title was his 17th in 20 seasons in Lawrence.

With the retirement of Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim on Wednesday, Self climbed up the list of the winningest active coaches in men's college basketball behind Bob Huggins, John Calipari and Rick Pitino.

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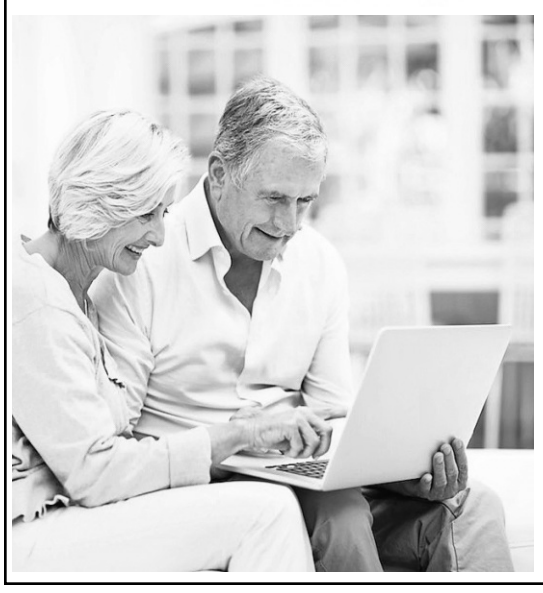
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MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Review of Applications
• Robb & Marci Smith – C. of A. build a 24'x24' garage w/ 2 overhead doors, standard door, & window(s); materials to be finalized but will include either wood/cement siding
Location: 902 E. First St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Emeka Koran – C. of A. to reconfigure south wall so that basement entry becomes entry becomes entrance exterior to the structure.
Location: 206 East St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Josh Wilber – C. of A. to replace existing tile roof with Brava synthetic cedar shingle style roof
Location: 506 W. Main St.
Zoned: Specialty District (SD)
• Marcus Gray – C. of A. to build a 6'4" x 16'3" front porch with roof
Location: 134 East St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Jeremy McCloskey – C. of A. to install solar panels on the rear roof elevation Location: 815 E. First St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Joel Storm – C. of A. to replace existing Cementous siding with Dutch-lap vinyl siding
Location: 810 E. Second St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Riverside Group – C. of A. to build new 2BR/1BA home with 1 car garage & basement Location: 1010 E. First St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Riverside Group – C. of A. to build new 3BR/2.5BA home with 1 car garage & basement
Location: 1016 E. Second St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Riverside Group – C. of A. to build new 3BR/2.5BA home with 1 car garage & basement
Location: 1016 E. Second St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Kimberly Mullins – C. of A. to build new garage at the rear of the property Location: 770 W. Third St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
D. Old/New Business
E. Staff Report
F. Adjournment
G. Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023, at 5:30 PM
For the purpose of hearing those who are for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.
This agenda is in DRAFT FORM. Open Door Law does not prohibit the public agency from changing or adding to its agenda during the meeting.
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BY ORDER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW
Brooke Peach,
Historic Preservationist
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Ex-F1 champ Button to enter 3 NASCAR races starting at Texas

BY JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

Jenson Button will make his NASCAR debut later this month at Circuit of the Americas, the first of three Cup Series races scheduled for the former Formula One world champion.

Button puts two former F1 champions in the field for the March 26 race on the permanent road course in Austin, Texas. Kimi Räikkönen announced Wednesday he'll race there for Trackhouse Racing.

"Two F1 world champions in a NASCAR race. Who would have ever predicted that?" Button told The Associated Press. "A lot of people think I'm crazy for doing this because it's so different, but that's why I love the challenge of it. For me, it's not about how quick the car is, it's about how close the racing can be.

"In the Cup Series, the racing is awesome. It's definitely going to be a shock to the system, but a toe in the water, so to speak, and hopefully help me be more competitive the next time I do it."

Button put together his three-race deal with support from longtime partner Mobil 1, which paired him with Stewart-Haas Racing for marketing and promotional support. Mobil 1 has a longstanding relationship with SHR co-owner Tony Stewart.

Button will drive the No. 15 Mobil 1 Ford Mustang for Rick Ware Racing — an arrangement similar to how SHR collaborated with Ware's team a year ago to run then-reserve driver Ryan Preece in a pair of Cup races.

Button is also scheduled to enter NASCAR's inaugural street course race, scheduled for downtown Chicago in July, and the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in August. Rick Ware Racing will be the listed team for all three of Button's entries.

Although he's been announced as one of the drivers for NASCAR's special entry in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Button told The AP that his three-race road course deal has nothing to do with the Garage 56 project. Instead, he said it stems from a love of NASCAR he is certain developed from watching the movie "Days of Thunder" in 1990.

"I wouldn't have had NASCAR on the TV in the U.K. We had four channels, and we definitely didn't have NASCAR," Button said. "I hate most motorsports movies, but as a 10-year-old, I loved that movie, it was amazing. It was like, 'This is what I want to be part of!' But being so far from America, it was never going to be for me."

Or so he thought.

Button, the 2009 F1 champion, ended his 17-year career after the 2016 season and transitioned into a television role and occasionally raced in various series. He drove sports cars in the Japanese Super GT Series' GT500 class and won the 2018 championship, did five races from in the FIA World Endurance Championship that included the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and the Baja 1000 in 2019.

He has done some karting recently, but his last competitive race was in GP3 in 2020. His final F1 race was in 2017, when he subbed for Fernando Alonso, who skipped the Monaco Grand Prix to enter the Indianapolis 500.

Almost all of Button's racing has been supported by Mobil 1, which was his sponsor for 14 of his 15 career F1 victories and the Super GT championship. Bored and eager to give a NASCAR a chance, he asked Mobil 1 if there was any possibility it could happen.

The existing relationship with Stewart made it possible.

"We are thrilled to celebrate Jenson Button as he makes his debut in the NASCAR Cup Series and support him on his journey to making one of his racing dreams a reality," said Rob Shearer on behalf of Mobil 1. "We're driven by the love of driving and committed to helping more people get behind the wheel."

Stewart, who is a multi-discipline racer with titles in NASCAR, IndyCar and sprint cars, is excited to watch Button attempt a new series. Stewart, who turns 52 in May, is running a full season of NHRA drag racing this year.

Button, who turned 43 in January, has done a variety of crossover promotions with Stewart on behalf of Mobil 1 over the years.

"It's always a challenge to try a new racing discipline, and the best thing you can bring to a new opportunity like this is an open mind," Stewart said. "Jenson has been doing that his entire career. Those F1 cars evolve every year, and Jenson always found a way to adapt. He's new to NASCAR, but he's not new to racing. This is going to be fun for all of us."

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